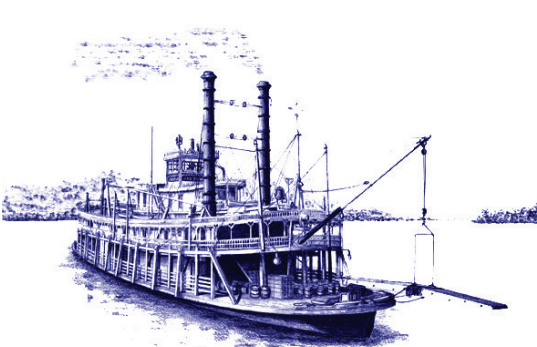






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THE MADISON COURIER

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Mark Campbell
Officers from the Madison and Hanover police departments and Jefferson and Switzerland county sheriff's departments secure a bleeding Edward D. Kinnett, 39, of Plainfield, Indiana, after a pursuit from Vevay to Madison ended at Main and West streets in downtown Madison shortly before 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

Man who led police on chase gets 23 years

BY BOB DEMAREE

A police pursuit two years ago that began in Vevay and ended with police guns drawn in downtown Madison in front of City Hall resulted in a 23-year sentence last week for Edward David Kinnett, 41 in Switzerland Circuit Court.

On Sept. 18, 2021, Kinnett, formerly of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, was being stopped for speeding in a school zone when he fled from police in Vevay and led them and other officers on a 20-mile pursuit that ended at the intersection of Main and West streets in downtown Madison after a loop through downtown Madison.



Edward D. Kinnett

The chase continued over the last several miles despite Kinnett's vehicle sustaining front tire damage after officers used a tire deflation device in an effort to slow the vehicle and end the chase. After the pursuit arrived in downtown Madison, Kinnett drove the wrong way on a one-way portion of Third Street and proceeded through a construction zone until multiple officers closed in and pinned in the vehicle at Main and West streets.

During the pursuit, officers observed Kinnett throw an object from the vehicle, which they later recovered and discovered to be a false-bottom can containing a large amount of crystal methamphetamine.

Kinnett plead guilty prior to trial to Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony, with an Habitual Offender Sentence Enhancement.

Switzerland County Prosecutor Ryan Marshall and Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Bland made the case that although this was Kinnett's first charge in Switzerland County, Kinnett was a repeat offender with approximately 19 prior convictions and multiple probation violations spread across six counties in three states over a 25-year period.

Switzerland County Sheriff's Deputy

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Hunt: Lack of year-round pool puts Madison at disadvantage

BY BOB DEMAREE

A feasibility study is underway to determine both the need and what would be needed for a YMCA or health wellness facility in Jefferson County — a pursuit for which the nine-member, non-profit Jefferson County Health Initiative (JeffCo) has made a strong commitment.

Lindsay Hunt, a JeffCo

board member and president and chief executive officer of SuperATV, said there's a "momentum of this, and seriousness that we're ready to persevere" in bringing such a facility to the county.

JeffCo board members met earlier this month with Lori Swann, chief executive officer of Triangle 2, the Nashville, Tennessee, consulting

firm that was hired to do the feasibility study. They anticipate receiving the results of the feasibility study in January.

Possible locations are also being considered with an estimated 10- to 12-acre site needed for parking, offices for health services, exercise center and a pool. In particular, the availability of a year-

round pool is one element that JeffCo board members have expressed is missing in Jefferson County.

Hunt said lack of a year-round pool puts Jefferson County business and industry at a disadvantage in attracting employees. "We've struggled to recruit top

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Lighting up Madison for the holidays

BY BOB DEMAREE

The official ceremony was held Friday night to turn on the holiday lights at the Broadway Fountain and signal the beginning of the Christmas season in Madison.

"Is everybody here in the Christmas spirit?" asked Madison Mayor Bob Courtney at the Light Up Merry Madison Celebration.

"There's no better place to be than right here right now in Madison, Indiana," Courtney said, just before the official countdown began to switch on the holiday lights throughout the fountain park. "We have a great quality of life here. It's awesome everyone is here getting ready to kickoff the Christmas season."



Photos by Bob Demaree

Friday's Light Up Merry Madison Celebration drew a crowd out to watch the countdown to turning on the Christmas lights at the Broadway Fountain. Many remained to mingle and enjoy the holiday lights and their neighbors.



Madison Mayor Bob Courtney (right) with Santa Claus and his granddaughter, Joanie Fisher, enjoying her first Light Up Merry Madison Celebration at the Broadway Fountain park.

ison Celebration is just the first of many Christmas events coming to Jefferson County over the next month.

On Friday, Dec. 1, the town of Hanover's Tinsel Twinkle Trail will officially open, delayed a week by wiring issues at the Hanover Community Park. The lights will remain on through Christmas Day.

Coming up Saturday at Hanover will be the third

annual Hanover Christmas Craft Center with nearly 40 vendors that will be at the Southwestern Elementary School cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This coming Saturday will be "A Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade" on Main Street in downtown Madison at 11 a.m. After the parade, there will be the "A Very

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Handout

Frank Hayes to be grand marshal of the 2023 A Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade.

Hayes named grand marshal of parade

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The City of Madison has announced that Frank Hayes will be honored as the grand marshal of this year's A Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade after receiving numerous public nominations for this year's position of honor.

The parade on Madison's Main Street begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Hayes is a beloved Madisonian and veteran who served with USAF Strategic Air Command

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Trimble jury convicts man of sodomy, rape involving 13-year-old

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP
A Trimble County Circuit Court jury recently convicted a Shelbyville, Kentucky, man for repeatedly sodomizing and raping a 13-year-old Trimble County child after an investigation resulted in child sexual abuse indictments in Trimble, Henry and Oldham counties.



Darrin A. Owens

Attorney General Daniel Cameron announced that a case prosecuted by the AG Office Special Prosecutions Unit, resulted in the conviction of Darrin A. Owens, 39, of Henry County. On Nov. 16, 2023, a Trimble County jury convicted Owens of two counts of Sodomy Second Degree and one count of Rape Second Degree, all Class C felonies; and one count of Persistent Felony Offender, which enhances the other charges. The trial had begun on Nov. 13.

The jury recommended a sentence of 20 years on each count, to be served concurrently for a total of 20 years prison. The case was investigated by Oldham County Police Department Sgt. Jared Ellison and prosecuted by Rewa Zakharia, executive director of the Office of Special Prosecutions. Assistant Attorney General Ramsey Dallam presented the case on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Owens had been indicted by a Trimble

County grand jury on Oct. 1, 2021, for Sodomy, First Degree, a Class B felony; and two counts of Rape Second Degree with a minor, both Class C felonies; and one count of Persistent Felony Offender, First Degree. He had been incarcerated in the Carroll County Detention Center in Carrollton since Oct. 7, 2021.

Owens is also facing multiple indictments in Oldham and Henry counties related to the case.

On Dec. 10, 2021, an Oldham County grand jury indicted Owens for one county of Sodomy, First Degree with a minor, a Class B felony; one count of Rape, Third Degree with a minor, a Class D felony; and one count of Persistent Felony Offender, First Degree.

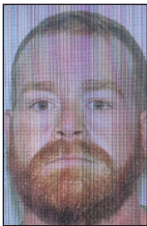
On Feb. 25, 2022, a Henry County grand jury indicted Owens for two counts of Sodomy, First Degree, a Class B felony; one count of Rape, Third degree, a Class D felony; and one count of Persistent Felony Offender, First Degree.

The charges in an indictment are allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

Trimble Circuit Judge Jerry D. Crosby II has scheduled sentencing for Owens at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024.

Wanted man arrested in Trimble County

BY THE COURIER STAFF
A Hanover man who was the subject of a wanted bulletin by local authorities last weekend was taken into custody on Sunday in Trimble County, Kentucky.



Charles Ross Martin

Charles Ross Martin, 31, Hanover, was charged with Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class 5 Felony, in Jefferson Superior Court following a search for him Sunday that asked for information on his whereabouts but cautioned that he should be “considered armed and possibly dangerous.”

Martin was sought for

criminal recklessness with a vehicle and criminal recklessness with a firearm in a Facebook post by the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office that was seeking information on his whereabouts.

Initially seen in the area of North County Road 500W and West County Road 400N in Jefferson County, he was taken into custody in Trimble County, Kentucky, where he was apprehended by Kentucky State Police and lodged in the Carroll County Detention Center in Carrollton, Kentucky.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

November 24, 2023

- Muaro Labastida Martinez, 53, for Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug, a Level 6 felony; and Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.

November 25, 2023

- Brooklyn Nicole Jones, 28, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. No bond.
- Steven Murphy, 30, for Auto Theft, a Level 6 felony; and False Identity Statement, a Class A misdemeanor, Bond \$1,000 cash.
- Jeremy Lee Owens, 36, Deputy, Indiana, weekend sentence to serve two days jail, consecutive. No bond.

November 26, 2023

- Jeffrey Wayne Richards, 31, Madison, for Domestic battery, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
- Kaitlyn M. Zimmerman, 24, Vevay, Indiana, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

November 22 2023

- Jess Allen Thevenow Jr., 46, Branchville, Indiana, to an amended charge of Dealing in Methamphetamine-1-5 grams, a Level 2 felony, and revocation of 7 years parole consecutive to previous 6 year suspended sentence for Possession of Methamphetamine-10-28 grams, a Level 2 felony, with credit for 103 days served.
- Charles Dwayne Hollins, 40, Madison, to an amended charge of probation violation (failed drug screen). Revocation of suspended 3-year sentence for Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony, with credit for 147 days served and balance executed at at Indiana Department of Correction.
- Edward David Kinnett, 41, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Resisting Law Enforcement-Vehicle, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction on each count, consecutive to separate conviction in Switzerland County, Indiana, with credit for 2 days served plus \$689 in fees and court costs.
- Laura N. Willhoite, 39, Worthville, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365

days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 2 days served and 363 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$889 in fees and court costs. Defendant may petition court to modify felony to misdemeanor upon successful completion of probation.

- Kevin Lamont Royalty Jr., 30, Madison, to an amended charge of Battery, lesser included charge, a Level 6 felony. Defendant sentenced to 545 days to Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 8 days served and 537 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs plus restitution to Richard Sparks to be determined within 90 days. Probation may terminate after 12 months if no additional violations and all fees are paid. No Contact Order to continue as term of probation. Defendant may petition court to modify sentence as a misdemeanor upon successful completion of probation.

- Toni Marie Rowlett, Madison, 44, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 12 days served and 528 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$889 in fees and court costs.

- Ashley Nickole Graham, 32, Seymour, Indiana, to an amended charge of Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 10 days served and 170 suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

- Marcus D. Box, 31, Madison, for Theft and Criminal Trespass, both Class A misdemeanors. Sentenced to 88 days jail on each count, concurrent, with credit for 88 days served plus \$239 in fees and court costs.

- Dahlila Ann Jester, 25, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail consecutive to previous convictions (misdemeanor operating while intoxicated and possession of marijuana-180 days jail with credit for 4 days served and 176 days suspended) plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

- Michael A. Bartlett, 33, Deputy, Indiana, to an amended charge of Auto Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 80 days served and 285 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489 in fees and court costs.

- Rosa Aguilar, 33, Madison, to an amended charge of Operating Without Receiving a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 10 days jail, served, plus \$189.50 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY November 20, 2023

- Jennifer Conard and Carrie Brattain to Suzanne E. Brown, 140 West Marion Drive, Hanover.
- Craig Walker to Robert M. Hoeing and Tina M. Hoeing, two parcels totaling approximately 47 acres at 1039 North Comley Hill Road, Madison.
- Wanda Welch to Wanda Welch (irrevocable trust) and Wanda Welch Irrevocable Trust, 993 West Dawson Smith Road, Madison.
- Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and HUD, 2928 Kentucky Avenue, Madison.
- LCF LLC to Katrina Joyce Orndorff and Scott Christopher Robinson, 504 East Street, Madison.
- James Burdette to Brittany L. Babbitt and John A. Fortwendel, 3955 West Interstate Block Road, Madison.
- Brandon Tankersley to Bobby Cook, 2921 Ohio Avenue, Madison.
- Albert Ray Scully and Marilyn Scully to Douglas Ray Scully, 3525 North 933 West, Deputy.
- Douglas Ray Scully to Jeremy E. Krulik and Kristy Krulik, 3525 North 933 West, Deputy.

November 21, 2023

- Brian Day and Doug Day to Doug W. Day and Kimberly R. Day, approximately 4 acres at 8112 East Upper Dry Fork Road, Madison.
- Suzanne E. Browne to Stephen C. Bennett and Betty A. Bennett, 28 South West Pane Street, Hanover.
- Patrick A. Pohlman and Connie J. Heitz (revocable trusts) and Patrick A. Pohlman and Connie J. Heitz (trustees) to Patrick H. Heitz, 1403 Lockard Street, Madison.
- Matthew J. Jacobs and Thomas M. Conner (estate) to Rich Skirvin, 1810 Marion Street, Madison.
- Scott A. Schirmer and Robert A. Schirmer (estate) to Scott A. Schirmer and Brandy Ritchie, two parcels totaling approximately 10 acres at 2000+ River Bottom Road, Hanover and 4000+ West River Bottom Road, Hanover.
- Auditor of Jefferson County Heather Huff, Jefferson County Auditor Heather Huff and First Church of God of Madison to Tanner Hammock, 1805 Orchard Street, Madison. (\$60,000).
- Charles J. Gilles Jr. and Della J. Gilles to Kevin Lanham and Vicki L. Lanham, approximately 13.7 acres at 10809+ North West Fork Road, Madison.
- Jefferson County Auditor Heather Huff, Heather Huff Jefferson County Auditor and David L. Vest to M&M Investments Group LLC, 2 acres at 6070 West Jackson Road, Hanover (\$10,000).
- Chicken Run LLC and Beau

Gray to Patrice Fung, 1711 Magnolia, Madison (\$159,000).

- Raymond J. Godward III and Donna N. Godward (trustees) and Raymond J. Godward III and Donna N. Godward (trust) to Ronald Markt Nay and Sherry L. Nay, seven parcels totaling approximately 182.68 acres at 12827 and 13000+ West Blake Road, Deputy.
- Raymond J. Godward III and Donna N. Godward (trustees) and Raymond J. Godward III and Donna N. Godward (trust) to Ronald Markt Nay and Sherry L. Nay, four parcels totaling approximately 143 acres at 2300+ North State Road 3, Deputy and 2400+ North 1250 West, Deputy.
- Charles J. Gilles Jr. and Della J. Gilles to Guy Goudeaux, approximately 28.1 acres at 10809+ North West Ford Road, Madison.
- Gabriele Leatherman to Gabriele Leatherman (revocable trust), 2459 Woods Edge Drive, Madison.
- Enola M. Padgett and Dwight J. Padgett to Dalena M. Roberson, 7.39 acres at 11817 North County Road 700 West, Depont.
- Brian Parsons and Tammie Parsons to Gudiya 5 LLC, three parcels at 142 and 154 West Lagrange Road, Hanover.

November 22, 2023

- David Connolly to Pettit Properties LLC, 3401+ and 3402+ East 400 North, Madison.
- Ashley L. Ball to Diana Isaac and Neil Hesselgrave, 1191 East 400 North, Madison.
- Nomad Investments LLC to Randall L. Frye, 4680 North Allie Court, Madison.
- Scott Bell, Christopher Bell and Carol Bell (estate) to Jeffrey D. Schafer, 2924 North State Road 7, Madison.
- Neil Keen to Timothy A. Godward and Stephanie A. Godward, 314 West Third Street, Madison.
- Gregory Duncan to Thomas Coppage and Beatrice Coppage, 3935 Interstate Block Road, Madison.
- Sheila Rudd to Anthony Brandon and Dawn Brandon, 150 South Amber Waves Boulevard, Hanover.
- Steven W. McKay and Lynn Heitz-McKay to Clay C. Lowenfield and Rhonda T. Lowenfield, 505 West Main Street, Madison.
- Gary Lee Hess (trustee) and Michael E. Hess (trust) to Paige Michelle Hess Comeaux, 2587 South Harrell Street, Hanover and 2000+ River Bottom Road, Hanover.
- Gary Lee Hess (rep) and Michael E. Hess (estate) to Paige Michelle Hess Comeaux, 16 parcels at 24+ North Main Cross, Hanover; 117 West Crowe Street, Hanover; 27 North West Street, Hanover; 32 North Main Cross Street, Hanover; 47 North Main Cross Street, Hanover; 121 West Crowe Street, Hanover; 132 West Main Street, Hanover and 159 North Sycamore Street, Hanover; 169 Maple Street, Hanover; 207 November Street, Hanover; 233 Maple Street, Hanover; 237 Sharp Street, Hanover; 333 Thornton road, Hanover; 2213 Lanier Drive, Madison; and 10465 North West Front Street, Dupont.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

NOVEMBER 28
Phil Mullins

NOVEMBER 29
Connie Sachleben
Ricky Woods
Mike Sims

NOVEMBER 30
James Edwards

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 1-2-5-16-29-45 (11/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$43.6 million. Next Drawing (11/29).
Cash Five: 5-8-10-11-41 (11/26)
Cash 4 Life: 6-7-15-18-26 CB: 4 (11/26)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 4-24-30-35 CB 9 (11/26)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 8-12-13-24-31 (11/26)

Lucky For Life: 5-30-31-33-40 LB: 7 (11/26)
MEGAMILLIONS: 6-15-45-59-68 MB: 1, MP x4 (11/24). Next Jackpot: \$335 million. Next Drawing (11/28)
POWERBALL: 27-33-63-66-68 PB: 9, PP 2 (11/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$352 million. Next Drawing (11/27)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 1-27-30-49-62 PB: 20 (11/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (11/27)

ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER 1
Dean and Traci Hafer

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:36 a.m.
Sunset: 5:22 p.m.
Temperature: High 36, Low 18, Mean 27.0, Deficit 22.1
Precipitation since last published: .08
Precipitation, November 2023: .54
Precipitation, 2023: 43.77
Barometer: 29.92, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.35, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Sunny 49/Low 31; Thursday: Mostly cloudy High 53/Low 40; Friday: Rain High 50/Low 40.

OBITUARY

Leslie ‘Bubby’ Dale Welch

Leslie “Bubby” Dale Welch, age 70, of Deputy, Indiana entered this life on February 22, 1953 in Madison, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Bernard Dale Welch and Rhoda Marie Mack Morgan. He resided most of his life in Jefferson County and attended Rykers Ridge Elementary and Madison Consolidated High School. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator and auto mechanic most of his working career. On September 1, 1991 Les was united in marriage to Brenda Kay Vermillion in Rexville, Indiana. They shared 29 years of marriage together until her death on November 22, 2020. They had resided near Deputy since 2016. He was a member of the Lancaster Baptist Church near Lancaster, Indiana. He enjoyed watching old Westerns, working on cars, tending to his garden, politics, his animals, fishing, and being outdoors. He always loved to go to Spring Mill State Park with his family. Leslie died on Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 5:53 a.m. at the Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital in Madison, Indiana.

Leslie will be missed by his loving daughter, Amy Welch of Tucson, AZ; his loving sons, Tony Vermillion and his wife, Lisa of Deputy, IN, Jeff Sellers of Bloomington, IN; his grandchildren, Brandon Vermillion, Kristen Vermillion, and Tiffany Wilking and her husband, Darius; his great granddaughter, Lydia Wilking; his brothers and sisters, David Stout of Melbourne, FL, Vivian Trimble and



her husband, Kenny of Lakeland, FL, Rick Morgan & his wife, Trish of Lakeland, FL, and Penny Price and her husband, Doug of Ruskin, FL; his brothers in law and sisters in law, Benjamin Vermillion and his wife, Lila of Butlerville, IN, Shirley Ralston of Westport, IN, and Linda Minger of Scipio, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Bernard Dale Welch; his mother, Rhoda Marie Mack Welch Stout Morgan; his wife of 29 years, Brenda Kay Vermillion Welch, died November 22, 2020; his brother, Kenneth Dale Welch; his step father, Dale Morgan. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 3 p.m., by Pastor Skip Napier at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Dupont Cemetery in Dupont. Friends may visit on Thursday, November 30, 2023 from 1 p.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre/ Memorial contributions may be made to the Leslie “Bubby” Welch Remembrance Fund or the Lancaster Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral.

DEATH NOTICES

Dennis Ray Copple, 55, of Marysville, IN, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at Hanover Health and Rehab in Hanover, IN. A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, at Grayson Funeral Home in New Washington, IN, with burial in Barnes Cemetery near Nabb, IN, www.graysonfuneralhome.com.
Philip Wayne Ogburn, 78, died unexpectedly at his home in Sanders, KY, on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, with burial at Oakland Baptist Church Cemetery near Glencoe, KY, www.tandyeckler-rileyfuneralhome.com.
Darryl H. Ritchie, 81, of Hanover, IN, died on

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.
Robert Allen Rucker, 59, of Madison, IN, and formerly of Hayfork, CA, died on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, from injuries he suffered in an auto accident on Clifty Drive in Madison. Cremation was chosen with his ashes returned to California. Arrangements by, Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.
Ronnie Whicker, 74 of Hanover, IN, died on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, at his home in Hanover. Memorial services were Tuesday, Nov. 21, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, Hanover Chapel, in Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

HAYES

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reconnaissance units following advanced electronics training courses and participated in overseas deployments. He co-authored “We Served With Honor” on the 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing RB-47 photo-recon overflights of USSR-denied territory. Hayes has an incredible background and completed programs in field engineering (Philco Corp.), math (Oklahoma University), business and management (New York Institute of Technology), Life Cycle Cost (George Washington University), and company training conducted at Republic Aviation, Fairchild Republic, Collins Radio and Lab-

oratory For Electronics in addition to his impressive biography of achievements and service. Hayes traveled the world and lived in New York for 55 years but chose Madison as his home upon retirement. “Madison is the most beautiful place to be for Christmas,” said Hayes, who can often be found supporting local shops and restaurants and spreading good cheer wherever he goes. His generosity and character have earned him the title of “Ambassador of Madison” and he embodies the spirit of the Christmas season. “I’m known for positivity, been known that way since I was a kid.” Hayes is passionate about aerospace history and the benefit of educators, students, families with children, and future gen-

Candlelight Tour of Homes



Bob Demaree

A long line of patrons waits to tour the home of Glenna Hanks Wade at 416 West Main Street in downtown Madison during the first weekend of the Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes. The tour will continue next weekend Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 3 to 9 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ENTERTAINMENT

‘A Madison Holiday Tradition’
Madison Performing Arts Foundation at Trinity United Methodist Church
At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Madison Performing Arts Foundation presents the “A Madison Holiday Tradition” at Trinity United Methodist Church with the Louisville Brass ensemble, which includes brass faculty members from the University of Louisville. Free admission.
‘A Perfect tree’
Bedford Christian Church
Bedford, Kentucky
The play, “A Perfect Tree”, will be performed at Bedford Christian Church in Bedford, on Friday, Dec. 8, and Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. nightly. Admission is free, but donations to Hands of Christ Ministry will be accepted.
Lanier Mansion
Free First Responders
Free tours of the Lanier Mansion
State Historic Site will be offered to first responders and their immediate family
Saturday, Dec. 16, and Sunday, Dec. 17, as way of showing gratitude. Tours will start daily at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 601 First St.

FUNDRAISERS

Dupont Community Park Playground Jackson Snelling Fundraiser
Ohio Theatre, Madison
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3
Austin, Indiana, singer/songwriter Jackson Snelling, of “American Idol” and “The Voice,” fame will be performing at the Ohio Theatre, on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2-4 p.m., as a fund-raiser for the Dupont Community Park Playground. The event will include photos with Santa, gift basket raffles for adults and children, wildest Christmas sweater contest,

Christmas gift table, adult beverages, concessions, hot chocolate table with homemade cookies and more surprises. Doors will open at 1 p.m. Admission is \$10 for 13 and older, and \$5 for 12 and under. There will be a free gift for each child 12 and under admission while supplies last. Online ticket sales are now available on the Dupont Community Park Project Facebook page.
Book Sale
Madison-Jefferson County Public Library
420 West Main St, Madison
The Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library, 420 West Main St., Madison
Soup & Sandwich Luncheon
St. John United Church of Christ
408 East Street, Madison
St. John’s United Church of Christ will have a Soup, Sandwich and Dessert Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, 408 East Street, Madison. Enter the Fellowship Hall off the East Street entrance.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
Salvation Army Food Bank
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Noon to 1 p.m.
331 East Main St., Madison
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.
For more information, call 812-265-2157.
House of Hope Food Pantry
100 East Second St., Madison
Tuesdays — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison.

Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS
Jesus Clothes Closet
Trinity Methodist Church, Madison
Mondays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more info call 812-866-4843.

MADISON SENIOR EVENTS
Madison Senior Citizens Center
208 West Main Street
Senior Meals
Lifetime Resources will be providing congregat meals again at the Madison Senior Center starting in November on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Suggested donation is \$6 and there will be a trial run on Oct 24.

Game Days
The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison. The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The games are free and open to senior citizens.

HANOVER SENIOR EVENTS
Exercising
The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at Hanover Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.
Lunch
The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Community Center. Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

POOL

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talent,” Hunt said. “People always ask about the schools and what the families can do” with the lack of availability of a year-round pool being a detriment. Madison Consolidated Schools and Southwestern Jefferson County Schools each have a pool, and they have provided limited access to the general public. There also have been pools available in the summer months at Clifty

Falls State Park and the city of Madison’s Crystal Beach, but both are typically unavailable only three-quarters of the year. Crystal Beach, which is undergoing a complete rebuild, has been closed for the last two summers but is scheduled to re-open in May as the Crystal Beach Aquatic Center. In addition to providing a place to swim for exercise, there’s swimming lessons that can be taught to youth and various other ages. “You see so much therapy work and exercis-

es (that can be done in a pool), and that’s going to be really important for the older population in Madison,” said Hunt. For those people, it will be important to have a pool that’s warm enough for water aerobics and other exercise they need to do. But, even as the pool is an important focus, there’s much more involved in the plans including helping to address mental health in the county. “We want it to go beyond the physical,” said board member Dan Baughman. “The ultimate goal is to

best serve the community in a number of aspects that involves care and self-care,” said Hunt. “It needs to be a family place,” Carolyn Alcorn added. JeffCo’s officers are Dr. George Alcorn, president; Jane Williams, vice president; Baughman, treasurer; and Ann Schwartz, secretary. Whatever becomes of JeffCo’s effort to bring a health and wellness facility to Jefferson County, “we are working together for good of the community,” said Carolyn Alcorn.

MADISON

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Merry Madison Christmas Celebration” at Broadway Street with vendors, free crafts for kids and more until 3 p.m. There will also be a trackless train, ice skating rink and putt-putt golf at no cost. Santa Claus will also join in on the festivities. Also, the Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes will hold its second weekend on Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 3 to 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. On Saturday, Dec. 9, there will be the third annual Holly Jolly Santa Celebration at the Hanover Community Building and Park from 2 to 7 p.m. The event

will feature Santa Claus along with holiday characters including the Grinch, Hermey the Elf Dentist and more. Additionally, there is the Sugar Plum Bake-off Competition in three categories — holiday candy, holiday cookie and holiday decorated cookie — for a top prize of \$250 in each category with winners — including Best in Show — to be announced at 6:30 p.m. during the Holly Jolly Santa Celebration. For more information and to register, visit www.jeffersoncounty.in.gov and click on Sugar Plum Bake Off or visit the Hanover Park Building or Jefferson County Library at Hanover or Madison. Contestants must be a resident of Jefferson County and not a professional baker. At 5 p.m. on Thursday

at Hanover College’s Fitzgibbon Recital Hall the 23rd annual “Christmas at Hanover” will be performed featuring the Hanover College Chamber Singers directed by Dr. Madlen Batchvarova, and the Hanover College Concert Band and Orchestra directed by Dr. Jonathan Stanley. Admission is free to both. At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Trinity United Methodist Church, the Madison Performing Arts Foundation presents the “A Madison Holiday Tradition” with the Louisville Brass, which includes brass faculty members from the University of Louisville. Free admission. Madison Community Band Christmas Concert will have free concert Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. at Clifty Inn.

Theatre to perform ‘White Christmas’ this weekend

BY BOB DEMAREE

The classic “White Christmas” is coming to the stage of Madison Consolidated High School’s Opal Sherman Auditorium this weekend.

The stage production “White Christmas” is based on the 1954 film that starred Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera Ellen. But the stage adaption of “White Christmas” that Encore Theatre will be performing has some slight variations.

“If you love the original movie then you’re also going to love this,” said Laura Ratcliff, director of the musical. “It took that original classic movie and updated it for the Broadway stage.”

What Encore will be performing “is the script, the music, everything that would have been in the original Broadway show” that debuted in 2004. The stage version “mostly follows the general plot of the movie but it has a mix of songs that are different. It has some of the iconic ones but it also has some new songs that were not in the original movie,” said Ratcliff.

She said the stage adaption of “White Christmas” “still has the same general idea” as the movie version. “Bob and Phil are army buddies and showmen. They have their show that they bring to Vermont for the General. They connect with Freddie Haynes’ sisters and meet them. Same general story. Bob and Betty fall in love. Phil and Judy fall in love. Bob and Betty have a misunderstanding. And then it all comes together.”

There is one character adaption with Emma Allen, the nosy housekeeper played by Mary Wickes in the film being replaced by a character named Martha Watson, who is still the nosy housekeeper but also a Broadway performer in retirement with the flair for the dramatic. And the Martha character has a bigger role than the



The cast of the musical “White Christmas” includes, front row, from left, Lisa Tripp, Emma Reilmann, Madison Ginn, Shelby Priebe, Carrie Priebe, Kelley Hoagland and Sandy Turner. Back row, from left, are Brye Welty, Molly Magrath, Shonica Hartless, Thomas Cifranik, Adam Norris, Vanina Kelsey, Melanie Torline, Ben Ratcliff, Maddie Guirgis, Mike Turner, Holly Magrath and Patrick Magrath.



Above left: Carrie Priebe, Lisa Tripp, Emma Reilmann and Madison Ginn perform during rehearsal last week for the musical “White Christmas” that will be staged at Madison Consolidated High School’s Opal Sherman Auditorium this weekend Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. **Above right:** Adam Norris, left, as Phil Davis and Ben Ratcliff as Bob Wallace sing during rehearsals last weekend for “White Christmas” to be performed this Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Opal Sherman Auditorium.



Emma Allen character did. “Martha has a couple of songs, so she gets to do some singing and dancing,” said Ratcliff.

The song, “Blue Skies” was “a little snippet at the beginning” of the movie “White Christmas,” said Ratcliff, but in the stage version “they turn it into a big dance number.”

With the differences between the film version and stage version, Ratcliff said each are its

“own unique show with same type story. Both of them are amazing.”

In Encore’s production, Bob Wallace is played by Ben Ratcliff, Phil Davis is played by Adam Norris, Melanie Torline plays Betty Haynes, Vanina Kelsey plays Judy Haynes, Mike Turner plays General Henry Waverly and Holly Magrath plays Martha Watson.

For Encore Theatre, this is

its fifth production since being formed in the summer of 2021. The first three were plays, and now, after performing “Grease” in April, Encore is staging its second consecutive musical.

Auditions for “White Christmas” were in August, and they’ve been rehearsing now for three months. Thomas Cifranik, a member of the Encore board of directors, said that “White Christmas” has required more

preparation than “Grease” with “a lot more detailed dancing and choreography. The music is also more elevated” because “White Christmas” has the music of songwriter/composer Irving Berlin. “He was one who really loved key changes at random points.”

“White Christmas” will be performed Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Opal Sherman Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased online at encoretheatrein.com at \$14 for adults and \$5 for students kindergarten-12th grade. Tickets at the door at \$17 for adults ad \$7 for students. Adult tickets are \$4 off for the two 2:30 p.m. matinee performances.

Other performers in the musical are Maddie Guirgis and Molly Magrath, sharing the role of Susan Waverly, Cifranik as Ralph Sheldrake, Carrie Priebe as Rita, Shelby Priebe as Rhoda, Brye Welty as Ezekiel Foster and the train conductor, Brett Eppley as both Mike and Jimmy, Emma Reilmann as the cigarette girl and Sheldrake’s secretary, Shonica Hartless as Tessie and the assistant seamstress, Patrick Magrath as Snoring man and Regency Room announcer, Kelley Hoagland as Mrs. Snoring man and as the seamstress, Sandy Turner as the Ed Sullivan announcer and as Scooter, and Jaclyn Schnebelt as dance captain. Also, Reilmann, Madison Ginn and Lisa Tripp are each passengers.

The music director is Abby Guirgis. Choreography was by Mia Mires and Jill Mires. Blythe Couch is the stage manager with Shannon Bell on the stage crew. Justin Davis is the technical director. Hartless is assistant to the director. Others are Saba Chabukashvili, lights; Jack Heckler, sound; and Karson Couch, projections. Costumes were overseen by Aaron Kelsey and Torline.

‘Backline’ expenses hurt Ribberfest’s financial success

BY BOB DEMAREE

Even after staging a successful music event this year, Madison Ribberfest BBQ & Blues will be looking to get itself back on track financially next year after losing money in 2023.

Erin Kindle, Ribberfest coordinator, was at last Monday’s meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Tourism noting it was the behind-the-scenes obligations that challenged the organization’s finances the most in 2023.

“When you’re dealing with larger bands, you’re dealing with more rider items that they require to have there,” said Kindle. Even more, she said Ribberfest was impacted by higher costs for the backline expenses — the costs for gear and support staff needed for the bands backstage.

“We were hit with a

\$10,000 increase that we were not anticipating in any way shape or form,” she said, noting the increased costs are happening to many festivals. “They know that we need it and they’re going to make us pay for it.” Also, she said costs increased this year for building the stage.

Kindle said that in order to get Ribberfest back in better shape financially that the blues music budget that was \$120,000 this year has been decreased to \$80,000 for next year.

“Our goal is not to lose quality of bands,” she said. “We’re working on some really amazing bands right now. It’s just the matter of type of bands we’re going for. We’re looking for more up-and-coming people that have a big following. We have new, young blood on the blues committee so I have really high hopes for

what they’re going to do.”

JCBT board member Ron Bateman offered encouragement to Kindle, calling Ribberfest “a really great event” for Jefferson County.

Kindle said she’s had “amazing reports” about this year’s Ribberfest and “everybody that went really enjoyed it and had a great time.” She said that coming back after the COVID-19 pandemic, she wants Ribberfest to be an event that people enjoy. “I want people to see what they’re walking into before they even get onto our block. We want them to have a lot of fun with it.”

She said 3,373 tickets were sold this year, which was less than was sold in 2022 for the 20th anniversary Ribberfest but more than in 2021. However, because ticket prices were increased, the festival actu-

ally grossed more money.

Kindle expressed appreciation to JCBT for a \$25,000 grant that was provided to Ribberfest this year. “We try our best to bring more people to Madison. With all the events, it makes our little down pretty awesome, so we appreciate your support.” She said the JCBT funding most helped with marketing of which 41% was spent on radio, 23% for social media, 31% to print and 3% to other options.

Among the bands at this year’s Ribberfest was “Tower of Power” — a group that had been long admired and recommended by Dr. David Butler, a 22-year member of the Ribberfest committee who died in July. Kindle said the loss of Butler on the committee “was a huge hole that we had to fill. We had amazing blues committee

members step up to do everything they could to fill his shoes, and all things we knew he did, and the things we didn’t know that he did,” Kindle said.

In other business:

- Commissioner David Bramer, who is the JCBT treasurer, reported the county’s innkeeper tax collections for October totaled \$75,553.12, a 16% increase over last year. He said 2023 the innkeepers tax total is nearly \$700,000, a 12% increase over last year.
- Andrew Forrester, VMI executive director, updated that the trial run of a satellite Visitors Center at the Main Street Comfort Station has been successful. The satellite location, which opened Oct. 7 and was scheduled to end Nov. 12, but Forrester said it was extended three more weekends through the weekend of Dec. 1-3. “Over-

all, it’s going well” with more than 6,000 people going through the Comfort Station in the four weeks that VMI has been there.

- Forrester also said the trolley, which is also on a trial run, has also been a success so far. He said there have been sellouts for the paid tour each of the last two Saturdays.
- Prior to the JCBT board meeting, Visit Madison Inc. held its monthly meeting and gave approval for Kindred Folk Society to again use the River Roots trademark that’s owned by VMI. With River Roots ending in 2019, the event returned last year with VMI’s trademark permission. River Roots Revival was held this year on the first Saturday in June, and will be back in 2024 on the same Saturday, which will be June 1.

Dog debate continues at Hanover Town Council meeting

BY BOB DEMAREE

Complaints centering on barking dogs came up for the third consecutive meeting of Hanover Town Council this week with the council opting to stand by its ordinance on animals.

Marie and Allison Dunning were at Tuesday’s meeting in response to appearances by neighbors at the Nov. 8 meeting with complaints about barking dogs.

“We feel we have to come to the meeting to defend ourselves,” said Marie Dunning. “This is a very emotional issue for us. Our dogs are a part of our family. We are not malicious people. We work hard to help people and to be good members of the community. We’ve never had problems like this before.”

The issue initially came up at the Council’s Oct. 17 meeting when Marie Dunning asked for consideration of an update to the town’s animal ordinance that would help them to provide time for their dogs to be outside. “We are just asking for give-and-take. Our dogs should be able to enjoy running in their yard.”

Town council president Debbie Kroger acknowledged it can be emotional when dealing with pets, but the town council must adhere to its ordinances and be fair to concerns of all the town’s residents.

Kroger read a portion of the animal control ordinance on public nuisance that states it is a violation when the pet “excessively makes disturbing noises, including, but not limited to, continued and repeated howling, barking, whining, or other utterances causing unreasonable annoyance, disturbance, or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the dog is kept or harbored.”

Kroger said the town council has to stand by that ordinance. “We have to go by our ordinances. We have looked at our ordinance, and our ordinance follows most counties.”

The Dunnings were recently fined by a town police officer for dog barking but Marie Dunning contended the barking was only for five minutes. “What is excessive barking? What is the neighborhood? Is it

one person?,” Dunning asked. Kroger said it isn’t just one person who has complained and that she has received “numerous calls. I received at least five different calls from five different residences over there that are complaining about barking.” She also expressed support for then police officer who issued the fine. “I’m not going to override the officer. We told him to follow ordinance and that’s what he did.”

The Dunnings, who have nine dogs, contend that there are times when they have been reported to the police and it’s actually other dogs in the neighborhood that are barking. “I feel we’re being singled out when all these neighbors have dogs that bark all the time, and they act like our dogs are aggressive and ferocious dogs, and they’re not,” Marie Dunning said.

“I’m not going to argue with you, I can’t, I have to go by the ordinance, and we have our officers that are going to be writing the tickets, and if you want to call on somebody because their dog is barking, then that’s your

right,” Kroger responded.

Kroger also expressed hope that the Dunnings and neighbors can work together to find a solution, and reiterated, “All we can do is follow our ordinance, and have the officers follow the ordinance.”

In other business, the council:

- Approved \$3,753 for metal studs from American Rescue Plan
- Funds to be used in the construction of a game room in a space where there was a back patio behind the Hanover Community Building.
- Reported that one of the town’s trucks was totaled in a crash and the insurance will play \$20,097.75 minus the deductible. Kroger said the salvage value to buy the 2014 Chevrolet truck back is \$750 and Scott Williams, the town’s street and utilities superintendent, thinks the truck can still be repaired and kept in service. The council agreed to buy the truck.
- Approved two payments to Mac Construction for \$311,900 and \$76,867 for work on the sewer project.

- Approved \$63,483 to Wessler Engineering for smoke testing as part of the town’s effort to address storm water issues.
- Approved \$1,479.50 for the replacement of the dome on damaged playground equipment in the Hanover Community Park.
- Approved payments to Can Do Maintenance — one for \$22,279.50 on the Field 1 building and \$27,247.50 for the Field 2 building as part of the work that’s being done at Hanover Community Park through funds the town received from a Land and Conservation grant through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. As part of the approval, the town council stipulated that detailed information will be provided on the materials and expenses for the buildings.
- Updated that the Tinsel Twinkle Trail lights in the Hanover Community Park will go live on Friday, Dec. 1, one week later than originally planned. The lights, originally scheduled to go live Nov. 24, have been delayed one week due to wiring issues.

CAROLING WITH SANTA



Friday's Caroling with Santa event at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library was led by (standing from left): Cherie Rike, an assistant in the library children's department; Judi Terpening, librarian; Santa Claus; and Ann Inman, programming coordinator.



A group of children and their parents walk with Santa Claus from the Caroling with Santa event at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library to the Broadway Fountain for the Light Up Merry Madison Celebration where holiday lights were turned on to begin the Christmas season in Madison.



Asher Hoskins, 5, Hanover, whispers into Santa's ear during the Caroling with Santa event Friday at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library. Children had the opportunity to visit with Santa, enjoy holiday refreshments, hear a reading of " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas" and sing some Christmas songs before walking with Santa to the Light Up Madison event.

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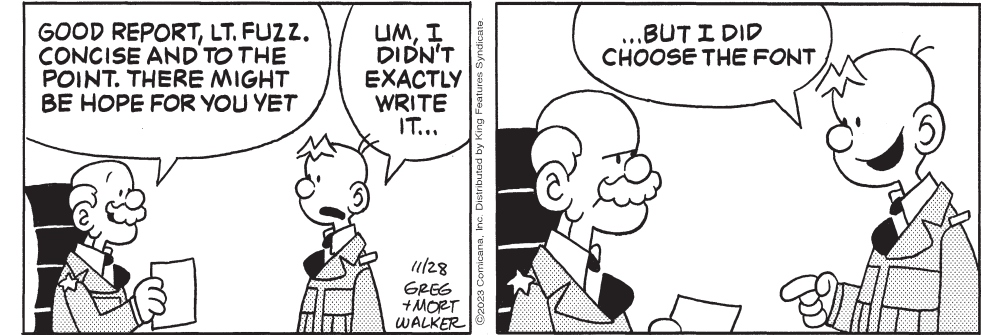
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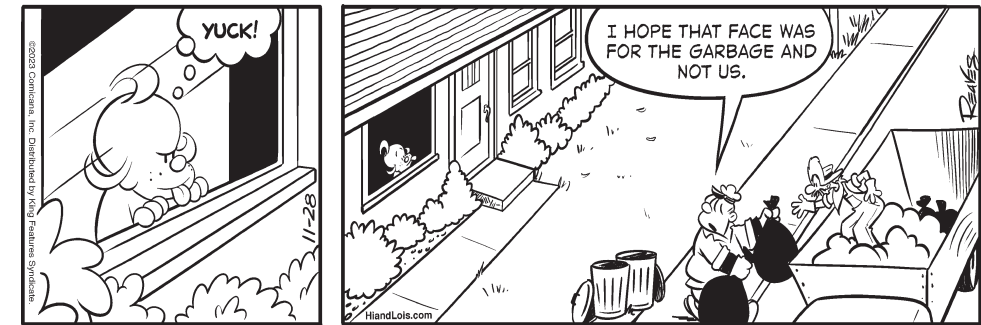
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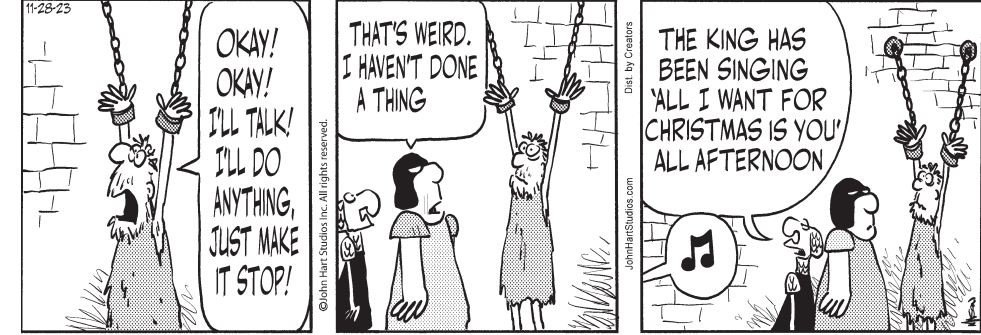
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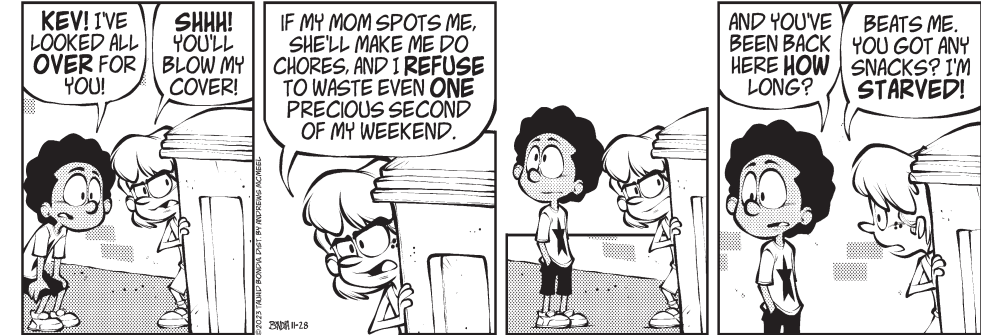
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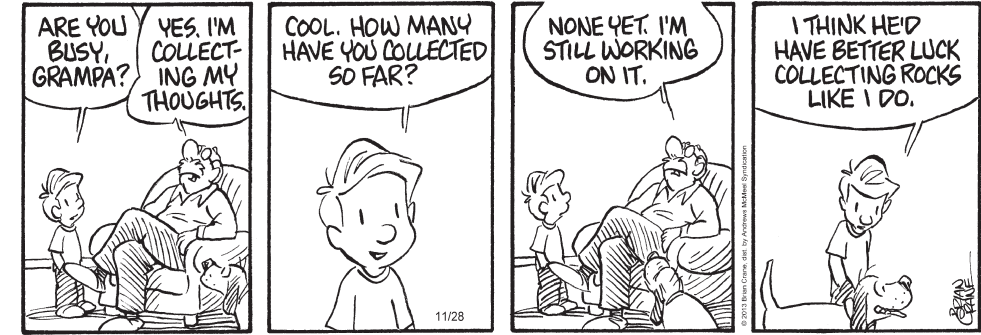
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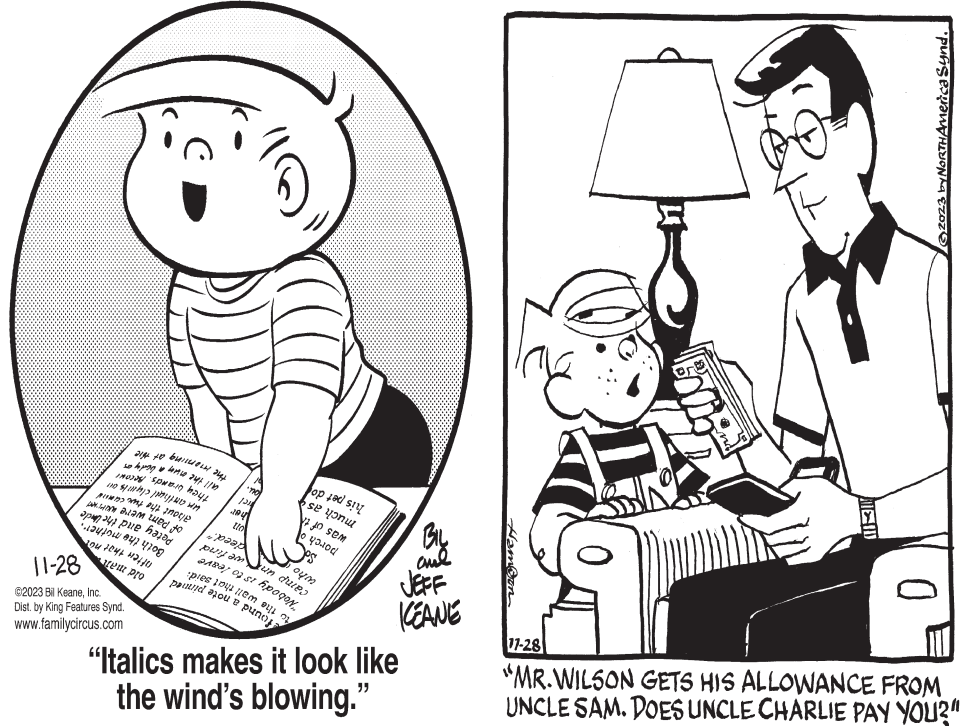


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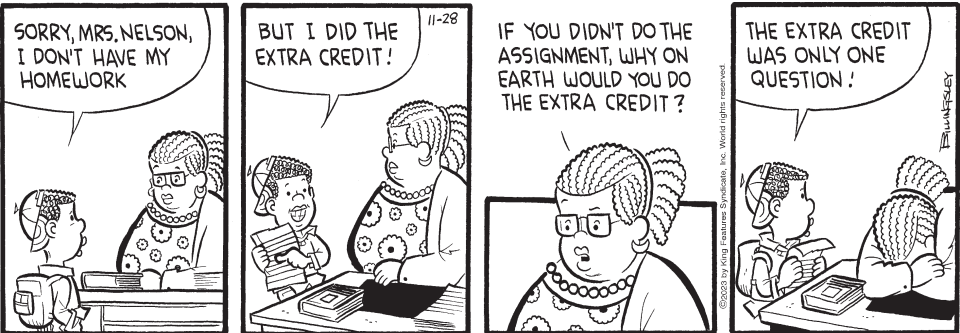
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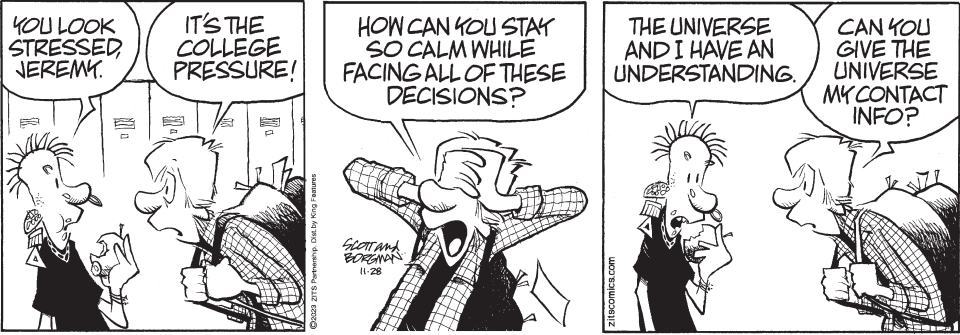
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 28, 1942, fire engulfed the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston, killing 492 people in the deadliest nightclub blaze ever. (The cause of the rapidly spreading fire, which began in the basement, is in dispute; one theory is that a busboy accidentally ignited an artificial palm tree while using a lighted match to fix a light bulb.)

On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

In 1919, American-born Lady Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began conferring in Tehran during World War II.

In 1961, Ernie Davis of Syracuse University became the first Black college football player to be named winner of the Heisman Trophy.

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course toward Mars, which it flew past in July 1965, sending back pictures of the red planet.

In 1979, an Air New Zealand DC-10 bound for the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard.

In 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as British

prime minister during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who then conferred the premiership on John Major.

In 1994, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was killed in a Wisconsin prison by a fellow inmate.

In 2001, Enron Corp., once the world's largest energy trader, collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion takeover deal. (Enron filed for bankruptcy protection four days later.)

In 2016, the first commercial flight from the United States to Havana in more than 50 years arrived in Cuba as the island began week-long memorial services for Fidel Castro.

In 2018, Democrats overwhelmingly nominated Nancy Pelosi to become House speaker.

In 2020, Pennsylvania's highest court threw out a lower court's order preventing the state from certifying dozens of contests on its Nov. 3 election ballot; it was the latest lawsuit filed by Republicans attempting to undo President-elect Joe Biden's victory in the battleground state.

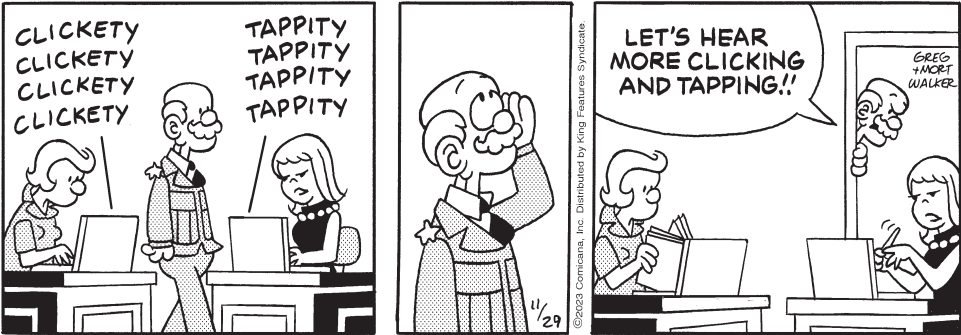
In 2021, Lee Elder, who broke down racial barriers as the first Black golfer to play in the Masters, died in Escondido, California at age 87.

In 2022, Payton Gendron, a white gunman who massacred 10 Black people at a Buffalo supermarket, pleaded guilty to murder and hate-motivated terrorism charges in an agreement that gave

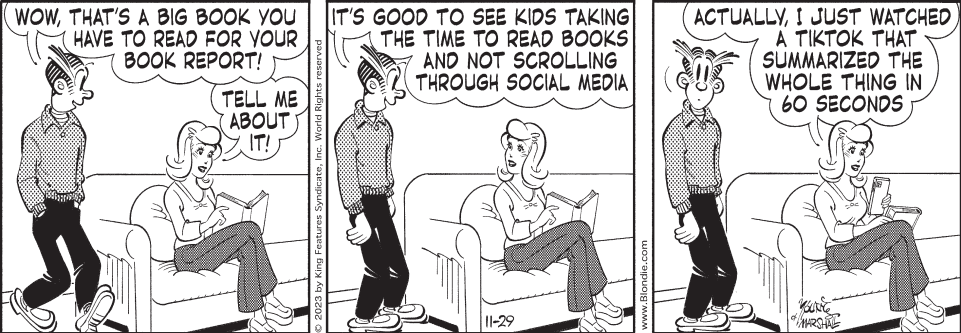
him life in prison without parole.

Today's Birthdays: Recording executive Berry Gordy Jr. is 94. Former Democratic Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado is 87. Former U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross is 86. Singer-songwriter Bruce Channel is 83. Singer Randy Newman is 80. CBS News correspondent Susan Spencer is 77. Movie director Joe Dante is 76. Former "Late Show" orchestra leader Paul Shaffer is 74. Actor Ed Harris is 73. Former NASA astronaut Barbara Morgan is 72. Actor S. Epatha Merkerson is 71. Former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff is 70. Country singer Kristine Arnold (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 67. Actor Judd Nelson is 64. Movie director Alfonso Cuarón is 62. Rock musician Matt Cameron is 61. Actor Jane Sibbett is 61. Comedian and talk show host Jon Stewart is 61. Actor Garcelle Beauvais is 57. Actor/comedian Stephnie Weir is 56. R&B singer Dawn Robinson is 55. Hip-hop musician apl. de.ap (Black Eyed Peas) is 49. Actor Malcolm Goodwin is 48. Actor Ryan Kwanten is 47. Actor Aimee Garcia is 45. Rapper Chamillionaire is 44. Actor Daniel Henney is 44. Rock musician Rostam Batmanglij is 40. Rock singer-keyboardist Tyler Glenn (Neon Trees) is 40. Actor Mary Elizabeth Winstead is 39. R&B singer Trey Songz is 39. NHL goalie Marc-Andre Fleury is 39. Actor Scarlett Pomers is 35. Actor-rapper Bryshere Gray is 30.

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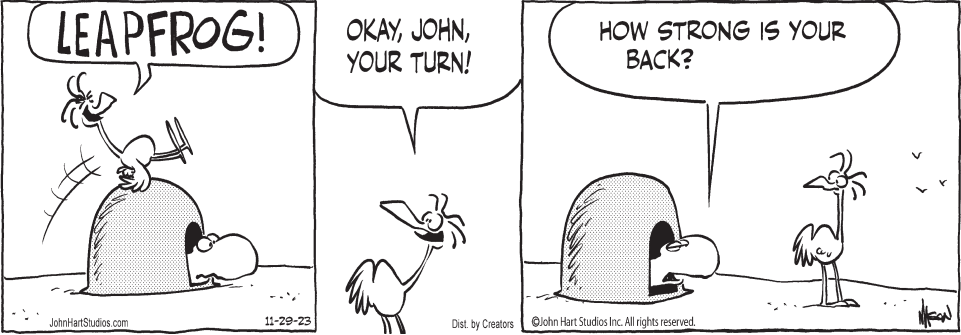
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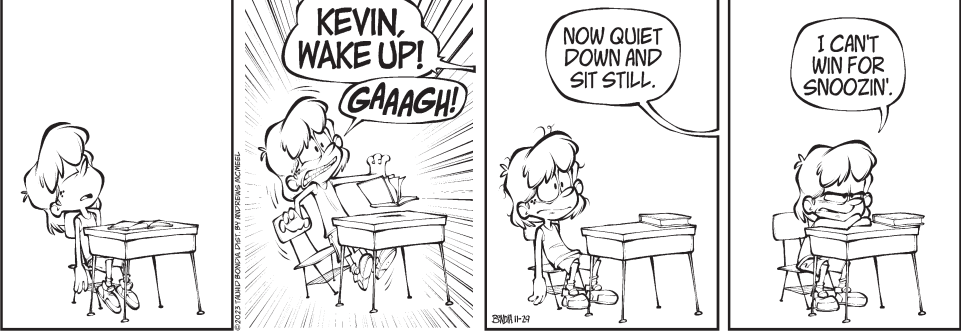
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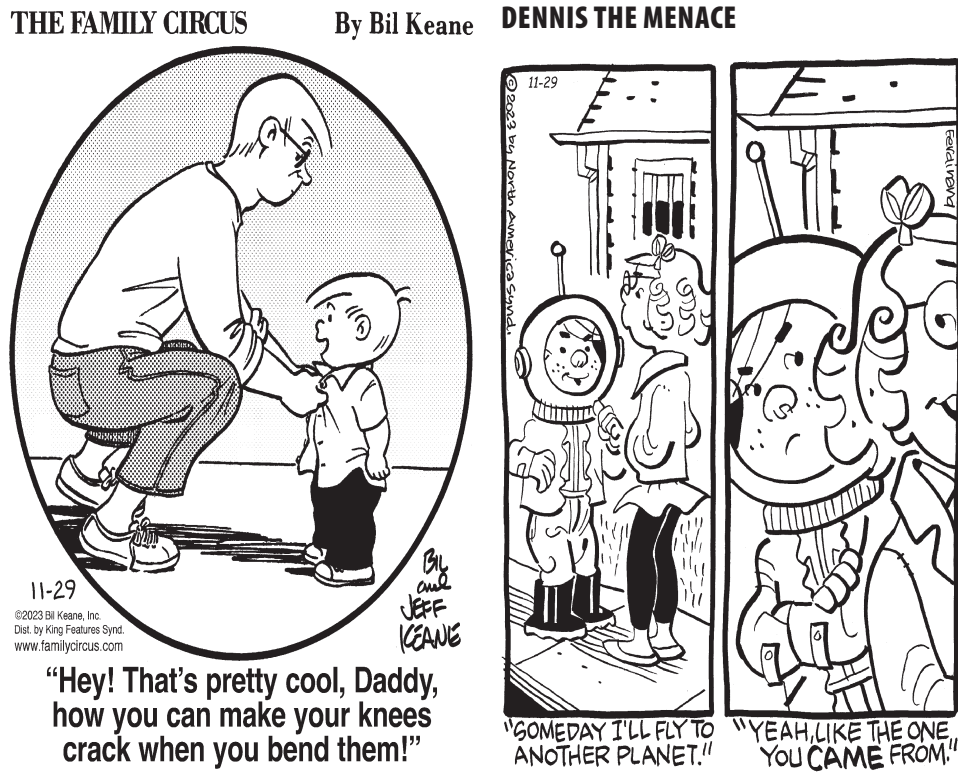
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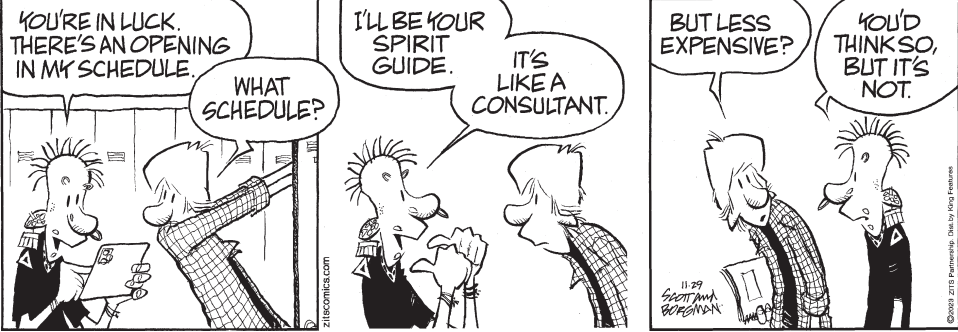
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 29, 1981, film star Natalie Wood drowned at age 43 while boating off California's Santa Catalina Island with her actor husband Robert Wagner and actor Christopher Walken.

On this date: **In 1864**, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre. **In 1910**, British explorer Robert F. Scott's ship Terra Nova set sail from New Zealand, carrying Scott's expedition on its ultimately futile — as well as fatal — race to reach the South Pole first. **In 1924**, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Turandot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.) **In 1929**, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd, pilot Bernt Balchen, radio operator Harold Gatty and photographer Ashley McKinney made the first airplane flight over the South Pole. **In 1947**, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews; 33 members, including the United States, voted in favor of the resolution, 13 voted against while 10 abstained. (The plan, rejected by the Arabs, was never implemented.) **In 1961**, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning. **In 1963**, President Lyndon B. Johnson named a commission headed by Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82. **In 1987**, a Korean Air 707 jetliner en route from Abu Dhabi to Bangkok was destroyed by a bomb planted by North Korean agents with the loss of all 115 people aboard. **In 2001**, former Beatle George Harrison died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58. **In 2008**, Indian commandos killed the last remaining gunmen holed up at a luxury Mumbai hotel, ending a 60-hour rampage through India's financial capital by suspected Pakistani-based militants that killed 166 people. **In 2012**, the United Nations voted overwhelmingly to recognize a Palestinian state, a vote that came exactly 65 years after the General Assembly adopted a plan to divide Palestine into separate states for Jews and Arabs. (The 2012 vote was 138 in favor; nine members, including the United States, voted against and 41 abstained.) **In 2013**, a police helicopter crashed onto a pub in Glasgow, Scotland, killing 10 people. **In 2017**, "Today" host Matt Lauer was fired for what NBC called "inappropriate sexual behavior" with a colleague; a published report accused him of crude and habitual misconduct with women around the office. **In 2018**, in a surprise guilty plea, former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen confessed that he lied to Congress about a Moscow real estate deal he pursued on Trump's behalf during the 2016 campaign. **In 2020**, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that New York City would reopen its

school system to in-person learning, and increase the number of days a week many children attend class, even as the coronavirus pandemic intensified in the city. **In 2021**, a federal judge blocked the Biden administration from enforcing a coronavirus vaccine mandate on thousands of health care workers in 10 states that had brought the first legal challenge against the requirement. **In 2022**, Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes was convicted of seditious conspiracy for a violent plot to overturn Democrat Joe Biden's presidential win, handing the Justice Department a major victory in its massive prosecution of the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection.

Today's Birthdays: Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 90. Actor Diane Ladd is 88. Songwriter Mark James is 83. Composer-musician Chuck Mangione is 83. Pop singer-musician Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals) is 81. Former Olympic skier Suzy Chaffee is 77. Actor Jeff Fahey is 71. Movie director Joel Coen is 69. Actor-comedian-celebrity judge Howie Mandel is 68. Former Homeland Security Director Janet Napolitano is 66. Former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is 64. Actor Cathy Moriarty is 63. Actor Kim Delaney is 62. Actor Andrew McCarthy is 61. Actor Don Cheadle is 59. Actor-producer Neill Barry is 58. Pop singer Jonathan Knight (New Kids on the Block) is 55. Rock musician Martin Carr (Boo Radleys) is 55. Actor Jennifer Elise Cox is 54. Baseball Hall of Famer Mariano Rivera is 54. Actor Larry Joe Campbell is 53. Rock musician Frank Delgado (Deftones) is 53. Actor Paola Turbay is 53. Contemporary Christian singer Crowder is 52.

Crimson Oak owners to open Chophouse in Madison

River Oak Chophouse LLC gets endorsement for alcohol license

BY MARK CAMPBELL

A Jennings County business owner who operates Crimson Oak Restaurant & Pub in North Vernon and Spring Cliff Farm Restaurant in Commiskey, has applied for and been granted a liquor license to operate a new restaurant on Main Street in Madison.

Elizabeth and Troy Riley confirmed plans to Madison City Council last week that they hope to open a second fine dining restaurant similar to Crimson Oak at 605 West Main Street, the former site of Bad Apple Mac's Restaurant in downtown Madison.

Elizabeth Riley said the eatery will be called River Oak Chophouse LLC and serve steaks and seafood in a sit-down, full-service restaurant similar to Crimson & Oak, which focuses on locally sourced products and scratch ingredients.

She said the restaurant would be open six nights weekly and serve brunch on Saturdays and Sundays with a wine menu and other alcoholic drinks including wines made at Spring Cliff Farm. Plans include to developing an outdoor dining garden area next summer.

"It's a fine dining place that has a bar," she said.

Riley noted "a lot of residents of Madison already come to Crimson" which has been open since 2020 and many have urged bringing a similar place to Madison. That support along with her knowledge of Madison and its tourism industry, led them to buy the former Bad Apple Mac's site, which will be renovated for their business concept and open sometime next year.

Riley noted she "grew up

in Jennings County" and is well aware of not only Madison's history but the community's "forward thinking" approach to business and tourism.

The Council voted 6-0 in favor of endorsing the business — Council member Carla Krebs was absent — for one of Madison's Riverfront Development Liquor Licenses. Madison Mayor Bob Courtney thanked the Rileys for choosing to invest in Madison and noted that they are just beginning the process of getting the liquor license but starting with the council's blessing.

The application must still go before state and local Alcohol Beverage Control Boards before a license is issued.

In other business, the Council:

- Held the first reading of an amendment to the city's traffic code ordinance to lower the speed limit on Michigan Road between Autumnwood Drive and Clifty Drive from 40 mph to 35 mph due to increased traffic congestion in the area of the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing and the fact that a bike/golf cart lane has been added to that section of the highway.

Included in the ordinance is setting the speed limit on Sunrise Crossing Boulevard — a new street constructed in conjunction with the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing and soon to begin Residences at Sunrise Crossing — at 20 mph from Michigan Road to the end of that road.

The amendment is scheduled for a second reading and public hearing on Dec. 5 with passage possible after a third reading.

- Heard the second and

third readings and adopted an ordinance creating a non-reverting fund to receive Federal Emergency Management Agency grant funds. The fund will facilitate the city receiving about \$100,000 in FEMA funds to be spent on public safety projects and equipment including K9 training and purchase of five video cameras that will be placed on Madison's riverfront to monitor potential criminal activity in and around bridges, boat ramps and parks.

- Heard a report from Madison Economic Development Director Tony Steinhart III, that Winterwood Inc., developer of the Residences of Sunrise Crossing to be located just east of the new Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing retail facility, is close to closing on property that will eventually be developed into 183-189 one-, two- and three-bedroom residences at that site as phase two of the overall retail/residential development announced last year for the former Madison Plaza site.

Steinhart said construction would begin soon after that with the first rentals available within six months and a rolling completion of the \$35 million project over a 24-month period.

"We need the housing desperately," noted Courtney. "That area up there looks fantastic."

Meanwhile, Steinhart said the business performance of the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing continues to exceed expectations in terms of sales and visits with the four major national retailers now open, construction of four other smaller retail outlets getting closer to completion and efforts ongoing to land a full service restaurant for the site east of an existing auto parts retailer.



Mark Campbell

A crowd gathers at Main and West streets, some video recording on their cellphones, as the suspect in a police pursuit is taken into custody, ending a 20-mile chase from Vevay to Madison on Wednesday afternoon. The driver traveled west on Second Street in Madison, ended up going west on Third Street — a one-way street heading east — and was finally captured driving east through a construction zone on Main Street. For a video report of this story, visit our news partner WKMNNews.com.

CHASE

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Alex Stanton testified that the amount of methamphetamine recovered was an amount typically associated with drug dealing and not personal use.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Harrison described the pursuit that involved multiple officers from agencies including Vevay Police, Switzerland and Jefferson County Sheriff's departments and Madison Police. Harrison said Kinnett showed no remorse, despite traveling at speeds approaching 100 mph and through multiple school zones on a weekday afternoon. Switzerland Circuit Judge W. Gregory Coy considered testimony from both the State and Defense witnesses as well as a statement from the defendant himself. Coy said he considered the facts of the defendant's offense and criminal history as well potential hardship to the Defendant's family should he face incarceration. In weighing all the evidence, Coy found the severity of the offense and



File by Bob Demaree

Officers from the Madison, Vevay and Hanover police departments, Jefferson County and Switzerland County sheriff departments and Indiana State Police surround Edward D. Kinnett after taking him into custody Wednesday after he led officers on 20-mile a pursuit from Vevay to Madison. Kinnett was captured in a construction zone at the intersection of Main and West streets in downtown Madison.

defendant's criminal history justified a sentence of 23 years at Indiana Department of Correction.

"The evidence showed that when Eddie Kinnett ran from police he engaged in a highly dangerous pursuit that only ended after the brave and selfless response from multiple officers in two neighboring communities," Switzerland County Prosecutor Ryan Marshall said. "Kinnett made that choice

while possessing a 'deal-level' amount of methamphetamine. More still, Kinnett's choices were part of a 25-year pattern of repeated criminal behavior. That pattern ended when our Circuit Judge thoughtfully considered evidence from both parties and issued a fair sentence that was necessary to protect our community. The court's decision made our entire region safer and we are grateful for it."



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Shawe's Sam Fewell (11) saves a ball from going out of bounds in front of New Washington's Mason Arthur (20) during Saturday's Hilltoppers win over the Mustangs in Madison.



Shawe's Braiden Smith (25) pulls down a rebound in front of teammate Loren Stiver (15) and New Washington's Mason Arthur (20) during Saturday's game at Meny Gym. The Hilltoppers won 50-49 for their first victory over the Mustangs since 2016.

Shawe beats New Washington 50-49

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Shawe overcame a four-point deficit in the final minutes and survived a last-second shot to beat New Washington 50-49 in boys basketball on Saturday.

Despite leading nearly the entire way, Shawe still found itself down after New Washington opened the fourth quarter on a 14-4 run.

But Philip Kahn brought the Hilltoppers back with a big steal and basket and two free throws as Shawe claimed the win when Mason Arthur missed on a put-back attempt after a missed free throw at the buzzer.

"I'm too old for a game like that. I don't know if I took enough Geritol before this game to calm me down," Shawe coach Dan Hambrick joked. "I think better than anything is we went there last year and got beat by 35. I thought we had a great game plan against them in the sectional and had a kid come off the bench and score 11 on us in

the second half. So what a great way to get a little redemption."

The win was Shawe's first over New Washington since 2016 and allowed the Hilltoppers to start the season with wins in their first two games for the time since 2010 — the last time the Hilltoppers won sectional.

Shawe (2-0) accomplished those feats with steady, if unspectacular, play. Kahn scored 23 points and was a thorn in the Mustangs' side all night, but Braiden Smith had a big double-double of 14 points and 16 rebounds and Sam Fewell had 12 points as the Hilltoppers shot 44% from the floor and turned the ball over just 10 times.

"I'm just proud. I'm really super proud for our seniors to come and post their first home game win," Hambrick said. "That's two sectional teams right in a row so that feels good."

After playing back-and-forth with New Washington through the first quarter, Shawe used a quick burst late in the second

quarter to take the lead. Kahn hit a 3-pointer and a two and Fewell scored on a tough drive to the basket to give Shawe a 22-17 lead.

The Hilltoppers eventually pushed that margin to eight (34-26) midway through the third quarter after a Fewell bucket and took a 38-34 lead into the fourth. That cushion increased to six after a Smith basket early in the final frame.

But New Washington (0-2) began to chip away, starting with a Connor Shaffer 3-pointer. The Mustangs eventually took the lead on another Shaffer trey with 3:31 to play and Arthur followed that with a basket of his own to put New Washington up 48-44 with 3:11 to go.

Shawe didn't panic and got two points back after Kahn forced a foul and hit both free throws. A minute later, he stole the ball out of Shaffer's hands and scored on a layup to tie the game at 48-48 with 1:22 to go.

New Washington missed a 3-pointer on the other end and Kahn was fouled, eventually hitting both free throws to give Shawe a 50-48 lead. The Mustangs pushed down the floor and Paul Giltner drew a foul while attempting a desperation shot while falling on his back with three seconds left.

Giltner hit the first free throw and Hambrick called a timeout to ice the second. The move worked and Giltner missed the second shot, but Arthur grabbed the offensive rebound and put up an attempt as the horn sounded. The shot kicked off the front of the rim for Shawe to escape with the win.

"In the huddle we told them the No. 1 thing was to block out the shooter and the second thing was to block out period. And who rebounds it? Mason Arthur. Oh boy," Hambrick said. "But we're in a Catholic high school right now and a guardian angel was watching over coach Ham-

brick, I can tell you that."

Arthur scored 18 points and had 11 rebounds to lead New Washington. Giltner scored 15 points and Shaffer had 12.

Shawe travels to Rock Creek Academy on Tuesday then hosts Southwestern as part of a boys-girls doubleheader on Friday.

PACERS FALL TO LAWRENCEBURG

Lawrenceburg pulled away in the second half to post a 56-46 win over visiting Switzerland County in boys basketball on Saturday.

Cam Craig scored 21 points and four rebounds to lead the Pacers, but was the only player in double figures. Kayden Phelps had eight points, Canaan Johnson scored seven and Bradley Romans had six. Johnson also had eight rebounds.

Switzerland, now 1-1 on the season, hosts Clarksville on Friday and travels to Trimble County on Saturday.

Purdue's Card deals ace in 35-31 Bucket win over Hoosiers

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST LAFAYETTE — Purdue quarterback Hudson Card dealt with the rib soreness each time he contorted his body Saturday.

He made sure rival Indiana felt his pain in a different way.

Card threw three touchdown passes, matching his career high, and scored on a 10-yard run with 2:39 left to give the Boilermakers a 35-31 victory over rival Indiana — keeping the Old Oaken Bucket for a third straight year.

"It's painful," coach Ryan Walters said, describing the left rib injury. "Everybody knows this is the last game so as he long as he could throw the ball, he want-

ed to play. I think it was Monday or Tuesday when he wasn't looking right or feeling right, he said, 'Coach, I'm playing.' So we planned accordingly."

Walters couldn't have drawn it up any better.

His ace delivered his most masterful performance all season, completing 21 of 34 for 275 yards including a the beautiful 44-yard completion to Deion Burks on the first play of the decisive drive. He also ran 12 times for 85 yards, nimbly avoiding tacklers on his way to the game-changing score.

And as much as it hurt Card to play, he knew it would have hurt even more if he hadn't been lead-

ing the Boilermakers (4-8, 3-6 Big Ten) to their third home win and the 300th at Ross-Ade Stadium, which concluded its centennial season.

"It's never fun not playing," said Card, who sat out last week because of the left rib injury.

Indiana (3-9, 1-8) closed out another forgettable season with another frustrating finale. The Hoosiers lost their final three games by a total of 10 points, blowing late leads in all three.

This time, the collapse began with a kickoff out of bounds and the long completion from Card to a wide-open Burks. Four plays later, Indiana trailed 35-31. Burks had seven catches for 84 yards.

Indiana responded by reaching the Boilermakers 35-yard line only to have it stall because of a stop on third-and-1 and again when Brendan Sorsby drew an intentional grounding call on fourth down.

Season over.

"You're trying to get a yard," Indiana coach Tom Allen said. "To me, that's what you've got to be able to do. Frustrating once again. Couldn't finish. Got to finish, got to finish, got to finish."

Sorsby was 17 of 31 with 226 yards, three touchdown passes and three interceptions while rushing 15 times for 54 yards. E.J. Williams Jr. had five catches for 97 yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

Indiana: The Hoosiers played their five most competitive over the final five weeks though it sure didn't show up in the record. Now comes the big question for Indiana athletic director Scott Dolson: Will he keep Allen for an eighth full season?

Purdue: Walters' first season fell well short of expectations. Purdue struggled early, struggled at home, struggled with turnovers and struggled with scoring defense. Now that Walters knows what he has, it will be interesting to see the roster changes he makes for 2024.

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, Nov. 28

BASKETBALL

Shawe girls at Medora, 6 p.m.

Switzerland Co. girls host Milan, 6:30 p.m.

Hanover men at Hope, 7 p.m.

Carroll Co. girls host Dayton, 7:30 p.m.

Shawe boys at Rock Creek, 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. boys at Highlands Latin, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Southwestern hosts Madison, Jennings Co., 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Madison boys host Batesville, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

BASKETBALL

Madison girls at Floyd Central, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 30

BASKETBALL

Madison girls host East

Central, 7:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. girls host Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. boys host Ludlow, 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. girls at Lexington Christian, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Switzerland Co. at Milan, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 1

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. boys hosts Valley, 6 p.m.

Shawe girls host Southwestern, 6 p.m.

Madison boys at Jennings Co., 7:30 p.m.

Shawe boys host Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. boys host Clarksville, 7:30 p.m.

Hanover women at Washington U, 8 p.m.

WRESTLING

Southwestern, Switzerland Co., Fugate Invite at Scottsburg, 5 p.m.

Davis has 3 TDs; UK tops No. 9 Louisville

Kentucky Wildcats win 5th consecutive Governor's Cup

BY GARY B. GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky was down though never truly out against Louisville, needing just a spark to create momentum in a game that matters more than others.

Barion Brown provided that with a huge kickoff return, and Ray Davis took over from there.

Davis broke free for a go-ahead, 37-yard touchdown run with 1:02 remaining and caught two second-half touchdowns, helping the Wild-

cats rally past No. 9 Louisville 38-31 on Saturday in the Governor's Cup.

Davis' third score capped a wild second half for the Wildcats (7-5) in which the Bluegrass State rivals combined for 52 points and closed alternating touchdowns. The winner came after Louisville (10-2, No. 10 CFP) tied the game at 31 on Jack Plummer's 21-yard touchdown pass to Ahmari Huggins-Bruce with 2:33 remaining. Jarvis Brownlee Jr. set up that improbable opportunity for the Cardinals by intercepting Devin Leary's floating pass as he was hit by Ashton Gilotte.

Kentucky took the kickoff and quickly drove into Louisville territory, and Davis found room on the left side and was gone for his 20th score that broke Benny Snell's season record set in 2017. Davis carried 14 times for 76 yards and caught four passes for 51 yards, including two 20-yard TDs from Leary. Davis beamed over his second TD.

"The coaches told us just to stay calm and stay with it," said Davis, a Vanderbilt transfer who exceeded 1,000 yards

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Taylor scores twice as Colts overpower Bucs

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Jonathan Taylor and Zack Moss ran through the usually stingy Tampa Bay defense Sunday.

Gardner Minshew surprised the Buccaneers — with his feet as well as his arm.

Taylor ran for two scores, Minshew added another on the ground and the Indianapolis Colts defense came up with a late turnover Sunday to preserve a crucial 27-20 victory over Tampa Bay that keeps Indy in the play-off hunt heading into December.

“I know we came out throwing it early there, and then settled into the run game,” coach Shane Steichen said. “JT popped a few big ones, Zack popped a few. It was good. That one-two punch back there is awesome.”

The trio of Taylor, Moss and Minshew combined for 155 yards rushing and three TD runs against an opponent that had allowed just four scoring runs all season. Those numbers might have been even higher if Taylor had not slid after picking up a late first down to keep the clock moving.

But it was a fourth-and-1 late play call at the Bucs 49-yard-line that caught everyone off-guard.

Indy (6-5) lined up in a jumbo package with an extra tight end, an extra offensive lineman and linebacker Zaire Franklin playing fullback. Minshew faked a handoff inside, stepped back and found Mo Alie-Cox sprinting wide open between the hashmarks for a 30-yard gain.

“Our tight end coach, Tom (Manning), came to me with the idea and we were doing our short-yardage meeting and I said, ‘That looks pretty good. That looks like a walk-in touchdown. Let’s have that one for sure (this week),’” Steichen said. “They gave us a look and it worked.”

Three plays later, Taylor punched it across the goal line for a 27-17 lead with 7:30 to play. He finished with 15 carries and 91 yards while Moss had eight carries for 55 yards. Indy’s third straight win put it above .500 for the first time since September and begins the final six weeks with momentum and a favorable schedule.

The two-time defending NFC South champion Bucs (4-7) are heading in the opposite direction after losing their fourth straight road games, this one with uncharacteristic defensive breakdowns and two devastating turnovers.

“It’s just not finishing at the end,” linebacker Devin White said. “It’s not like we’re going out there doing our thing and getting demolished by any teams. I think that’s the hardest thing is that we’re in every game and we’re making plays, but we’ve got to kind of limit some other things so we can get over the top and win those games.”

The Colts took control after Baker Mayfield injured his right ankle on the game’s opening series, an injury that forced Tampa Bay to settle for a field goal after having first-and-goal from the 1-yard line.

Indy converted Ronnie Harrison Jr.’s interception into Taylor’s strong 4-yard run to make it 10-3 and Minshew extended the margin by deftly sidestepping White on a 2-yard run for a 17-3 lead.

Mayfield answered with a 1-yard to an uncovered Mike Evans, cutting the halftime deficit to 17-10 and they closed to 20-17 when Evans hauled in a 23-yard TD pass early in the fourth.

But the Colts responded with their fifty-fourth down call, Taylor’s score and the strip-sack of Mayfield with 89 seconds to play.

Mayfield was 20 of 30 with 199 yards, two TDs, one interception and a game-sealing fumble that he lost. Evans had six catches for 70 yards and Rachaad White ran 15 times for 100 yards.

Colts receiver Michael Pittman Jr. had 10 receptions for 107 yards against one of his father’s former teams.

INJURY REPORT

Buccaneers: Tampa Bay played without starting LB Lavonte David (groin) and starting, CB Jamal Dean (ankle and foot). Mayfield missed two plays on the Bucs’ first series but returned on the second.

Colts: Steichen said the Colts avoided any key new injuries after C Ryan Kelly (concussion protocol), CB JuJu Brents (quad) both were inactive.

LEONARD STILL AROUND

Three-time All-Pro linebacker Shaquille Leonard no longer plays for the Colts after being waived Tuesday, but he still made it to the stadium so he could watch from a suite. Outside the stadium, the large poster of Leonard now reads “thanks for the memories” while inside the stadium, the crowd roared when Indy played a brief highlight package of Leonard’s top plays.

RICHARDSON RETURNS

Indy quarterback Anthony Richardson had already returned to the team complex and on Sunday, he also was back on his home turf. Richardson, the fourth overall draft pick in April, had season-ending shoulder surgery last month in Los Angeles. He initially stayed there to rehab but recently returned to Indy. He was seen on the field during pregame warmups, wearing a protective sling, in his first home appearance since getting hurt Oct. 8 against Tennessee.

UP NEXT

The Colts visit the Titans next Sunday, seeking a season sweep.

Bengals begin life without quarterback Burrow with 16-10 setback to Steelers

BY JEFF WALLNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals are facing life without Joe Burrow. The first week didn’t go so well.

With a healthy Burrow, the Bengals won four straight games and were firmly back in the AFC playoff picture. Their star quarterback is now out for the season with a torn ligament in his throwing hand.

On Sunday, quarterback Jake Browning made his first NFL start and completed 19 of 26 passes for 227 yards and an 11-yard touchdown to tight end Drew Sample in a 16-10 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Browning was sacked four times and picked off once.

“He did well. He can do better, though,” Bengals wide receiver Ja’Marr Chase said. “We had a lot of pressures today. That was the biggest factor. We just needed to make some opportunities when we got into the red zone and we didn’t.”

The Bengals won two straight AFC North titles and an AFC championship with Burrow. They started this season 1-3 while Burrow played through a calf injury that caused him to miss the preseason.

With the calf healed, Burrow and



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the offense were flying. That’s all changed now.

On Sunday, the Bengals dropped to 5-6 — 0-4 in the division — and their playoff hopes are dwindling by the week.

Starting quarterbacks have gone down across the NFL this season, with Burrow joining Aaron Rodgers, Kirk Cousins, Anthony Richardson, Daniel Jones and Deshaun Watson among the injured.

“No one’s sitting around feeling sorry for ourselves,” Bengals coach Zac Taylor said. “We’ve got to pull ourselves up and we’ve got to just find a way to get wins coming down here in the stretch, and that starts Monday night (at Jacksonville).”

Browning has plenty of offensive talent around him. But the Bengals’ running game has struggled to get going all season. Cincinnati rushed

Henry runs for 2 TDs as Titans edge Panthers

BY TERESA M. WALKER
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans have plenty to clean up with too many penalties and mistakes.

Fortunately, their rookie quarterback has a two-time NFL rushing champ in Derrick Henry.

Henry ran for two touchdowns and 76 yards, helping the Titans snap a three-game skid by beating the Carolina Panthers 17-10 on Sunday.

“He wants to impact the game,” Titans coach Mike Vrabel said of Henry. “I know that, and we want to let him. Proud of him, the career that he’s had thus far (with) 9,000 yards. You know (we) need 10,000.”

Henry became the eighth running back in NFL history to run for at least 9,000 yards and at least 80 touchdowns before turning 30. He also moved past Corey Dillon and Jim Taylor for sole possession of 17th all time with now 84 rushing TDs for his career. He is one from tying Marshawn Lynch at No. 16.

“I grew up watching Marshawn, admired his game, the way he played,” Henry said. “Just a blessing to be able to get to that list and get to where I’m at. And just thankful for the people that help me.”

This was just the fourth game in Music City this season for the Titans (4-7), who played at home only once over the past seven weeks. Tennessee improved to 4-0 when playing at Nissan Stadium this season.

“It’s huge,” Titans wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins

said. “It’s the NFL. Every win counts.”

Arden Key had a sack and forced fumble recovered by two-time Pro Bowl defensive lineman Jeffery Simmons, who also had one of four sacks by Tennessee. Denico Autry had two, the second just two plays before the Titans forced the Panthers to turn the ball over on downs with 1:55 left to seal the victory.

Vrabel said give Carolina quarterback Bryce Young credit for scrambling around and keeping the Titans from containing him.

“Huge play there at the end to win it on defense,” Vrabel said of safety Amani Hooker’s tackle of DJ Chark for no gain on fourth-and-6.

Will Levis, a rookie out of Kentucky, threw for 185 yards and improved to 2-3 as a starter. He was sacked only once

behind an offensive line featuring a pair of rookies with left tackle Jaelyn Duncan in his first NFL start beside left guard Peter Skoronski.

Carolina (1-10) started a three-game road swing by losing its fourth straight.

The Panthers now are 0-6 on the road. First-year coach Frank Reich’s job security already was in

question with billionaire owner David Tepper. Reich said feeling sorry for themselves won’t help.

“You think somebody’s gonna magically fix everything? No,” Reich said.

“We lost a close football game today. These games are winnable. That message doesn’t fly when you’re 1-10 but I know these games are winnable, I know we have the players and the coaches to do that so we regroup and get ready for this week.”

Young threw for 194 yards. The No. 1 overall pick in April’s draft helped Carolina hold the ball for much of the second half, but the Panthers managed to cap only one possession with Chuba Hubbard’s 5-yard TD run to open the third quarter pulling within 17-10.

“We all feel it,” Young said of the losing. “Obviously it’s difficult. We all don’t feel great. We just lean on each

other in these moments. That’s really all we can do.”

Tennessee never trailed as Henry capped a 15-play, 91-yard drive that used up 9 minutes, 36 seconds of the first quarter with a 1-yard TD run.

The Panthers managed a 50-yard field goal from Eddy Pineiro. Key sacked Young and stripped him of the ball, which was recovered by Simmons. Henry converted the turnover into his second TD of the game, a 10-yard run.

Nick Folk put Tennessee up 17-3 at halftime with a 53-yard field goal.

HENRY’S LATEST

Henry finished with 76 yards rushing, giving him 9,074 for his career making him the 38th in NFL history to reach that mark. Henry, who turns 30 in January, now is in even more exclusive company as the eighth with at least 9,000 yards and at least 80 rushing TDs. He joined Adrian Peterson, Barry Sanders, Emmitt Smith, Jim Brown, LaDainian Tomlinson, Eric Dickerson and Marshall Faulk.

INJURIES

Panthers WR Laviska Shenault Jr. hurt an ankle, returned but couldn’t finish. Starting LG Chandler Zavala hurt his right knee when rolled up from behind in the second quarter when both he and LB DJ Johnson (neck) went to the locker room. Zavala was seen on crutches after the game.

UP NEXT

The Titans wrap up a two-game homestand by hosting Indianapolis on Sunday.

Haliburton and Turner lead Pacers to tourney win

BY PHILLIP B. WILSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Tyrese Haliburton had 26 points and 10 assists, Myles Turner scored 10 of his 23 points in the final quarter, and the Indiana Pacers earned a quarterfinal home game in the NBA In-Season Tournament with a 136-113 home victory over the Detroit Pistons on Friday night.

The Pacers, 4-0 in East Group A play, will host the next tournament opponent on Dec. 4 or 5.

“That’s enormous for our team, for the organization, for ownership, for fans,” Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. “That’s going to be another opportunity for us. ... I’m real proud of the guys and the effort that they’ve put into this.”

The Pistons, after opening the season 2-1, have lost 13 consecutive games.

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selves a chance,” Pistons coach Monty Williams said. “When we give it away, like we did in the fourth quarter, it’s hard.”

The Pistons made six of their 14 turnovers in the fourth quarter.

Turner overcame first-half foul trouble to finish strong, which included 10 rebounds and five blocks.

“I was mad, just sitting out,” he said. “Once I got out there, I just told myself, ‘Go. Put your head down and work.’”

for 25 yards Sunday, averaging only 2.3 yards per attempt.

“I just know that we’ve got to be situationally sound,” Taylor said. “We’ve got to win the turnover battle and can’t have the penalties that we had today in order to win games.”

Browning was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Minnesota Vikings in 2019 and had spent the past two seasons on the Bengals practice squad. He went 8 of 14 for 68 yards and a TD last week after Burrow exited in the second quarter of a 34-20 loss to the Baltimore Ravens.

“I think starting with the first drive (I was) kind of getting settled,” Browning said of his performance against Pittsburgh. “Not up to my standards. I think just the overall experience I will build from. Being able to see myself on tape and critique it pretty hard will be good for me, too.”

The road for Browning and the Bengals won’t get any easier. Following Monday’s game against the Jaguars, the Bengals still have to play at Pittsburgh and Kansas City and host the Browns.

“I think we have a really good football team,” Taylor said. “You’re gonna hit stretches and you’ve got to find a way to overcome them and regroup. I told these guys Monday Night Football is the perfect opportunity to be able to put your best foot forward and change the narrative.”

The Pistons led by one point in the first minute of the final quarter, but were outscored 39-17 in the fourth.

“We’re the highest-scoring team on the planet,” Carlisle said of the NBA’s No. 1 offense. “Teams are loading up, trying to figure out ways to slow us down.”

Despite playing with a sprained right wrist, Haliburton boosted a 9-of-23 shooting effort with five 3-pointers. Seven Pacers players scored at least 15 points.

Buddy Hield had 18 to continue his hot streak. In the last three games since being inserted into the lineup, he’s scored 73 points and hit 16 of 25 3s. Obi Toppin and Benedict Mathurin each scored 15.

Pistons point guard Cade Cunningham led all scorers with 31 and Jaden Ivey had 25.

Carlisle tied Frank Vogel for second on the franchise win list with his 250th victory. Bobby “Slick” Leonard is No. 1 at 529.

Career games by Ware, Mgbako lead Indiana past Harvard

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Kel’el Ware scored 28 points, Mackenzie Mgbako added 18, career highs for both, and Indiana pulled away for an 89-76 win over Harvard on Sunday.

The Hoosiers (5-1) shot 59% (19 of 32) and scored 26 of their 50 second-half points in the paint while outscoring the Crimson (5-2) by 14. They did that sharp-shooting despite playing off campus at the Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, the 40th-straight season they have played a game there.

Ware was 12-of-13 shooting with four dunks and three layups and sinking a 3-pointer for measure. Ware, a 7-foot transfer from Oregon, and Mgbako, a 6-8 freshman, both had eight rebounds. Ware also had three assists, three steals and two blocks.

Malik Reneau scored 17 points and had five assists for Indiana.

Malik Mack scored 27 points, 19 in the second half as he tried to keep the Crimson in the game. Chisom Okpara added 13 points, Louis Lesmond had 10 and Thomas Batties II 10 with 10 rebounds.

Mack opened the second half with a 3-pointer for a four-point lead but a 14-2 run gave the Hoosiers a 63-51 lead with 18:07 to go. Mgbako’s three-point play capped the surge. He and Ware, who had a 3-pointer, both had five points in the run.

The Crimson never got closer than seven after that and Ware scored nine-straight Indiana points to keep the lead in double figures down the stretch.

Harvard made eight 3-pointers in the first half, the last a running bank shot by Mack at the buzzer for a 40-39 lead.

The Crimson went 14 of 28, going 7 of 11 inside the arc, to stay in the game in the first half as the Hossiers shot 55% (17 of 31).

Okpara’s layup midway through the first half gave Harvard a 24-18 lead, its biggest, while Ware’s dunk that capped a 7-0 run gave Indiana its biggest lead at 36-31 with almost three minutes to go.

Louisville rides foul line to 90-84 OT win over New Mexico State

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Skyy Clark scored 29 points, Tre White 22, and JJ Traynor 20, leading Louisville to 90-84 overtime victory over New Mexico State on Sunday.

Louisville made one shot in overtime — a jumper by Traynor to open the period — but the Cardinals hit 15 of 19 free throws, including a stretch of eight in a row that gave them an 84-78 lead in the final minute.

Six players fouled out for New Mexico State and the Aggies had four players on the floor for the final 21 seconds of overtime. Louisville took advantage throughout the game, making 36 of 49 free throws (73.5%) for the game.

Clark made 15 of 16 from the line and White went 9 for 13.

Trailing by eight with a little more than a minute remaining in regulation, Louisville got a pair of free throws from Clark and a 3-point play from Traynor to draw within 73-70. The Aggies’ Jordan Rawls missed a jumper and White grabbed the defensive rebound with 26 seconds left. After a Louisville timeout, White hit a pull-up 3-pointer to tie it.

With one second left in regulation, New Mexico State’s Kaosi Ezeagu drew a shooting foul from Mike James. Ezeagu missed both free throws and the game went to overtime.

The Cardinals (3-3) won although they never led by more than one point in regulation.

Jordan Rawls scored 20 points, Ezeagu 17, Christian Cook 12 and Robert Carpenter 10 for New Mexico State (3-5). The Aggies shot 58.3% from the field but made just 9 of 17 free throws. There were called for 40 fouls, to Louisville’s 16.

Louisville stays at home and will play Bellarmine on Wednesday. New Mexico State will host University of the Southwest on Tuesday.

No. 9 Duke erases a 10-point 1st-half deficit to survive Southern Indiana

BY AARON BEARD
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

DURHAM, N.C. — Ninth-ranked Duke didn’t have the defensive intensity or frankly the effort to match a pesky one-win opponent for much of Friday night’s first half. Coach Jon Scheyer saw more from his Blue Devils “in flashes” in the second half, yet also gave him plenty to highlight for improvement, too.

Kyle Filipowski had 21 points and 14 rebounds while Duke waited until the second half to push ahead for good in Friday night’s 80-62 win against Southern Indiana. Still, Duke ended this game with multiple starters playing to the horn against a team that had yet to beat a Division I opponent this year.

“I mean, nobody’s happy about this,” said Duke guard Jeremy Roach, who added 18 points. “The game should’ve been over in the first half. But give credit to Southern Indiana: they’re a great team and came in with house money and played their (butts) off.”

The Blue Devils (5-1), who fell behind by 10 points six times before halftime and trailed 35-31 at the break. But Duke closed the first half with better energy and aggression at both ends, then rode that wave to build its own double-digit lead and get what Scheyer called a “jolt” of energy by running out a trapping fullcourt pressure that forced two 10-second violations.

The Blue Devils trailed 32-22 with 5:02 left before going on a 25-5 run through 9 1/2 minutes. That included the first 11 points out of the break, including two 3-pointers from freshman Jared McCain and back-to-back two-hand flushes from Filipowski at the 15:34 mark.

That margin got no closer than nine again, with Duke shooting 60.7% after halftime.

Compare that to the first half, when the Screaming Eagles (1-6) kept scoring off the dribble or hitting contested shots — enough so that Scheyer burned a timeout midway through the first half,

stood on the court and delivered a lengthy emphatic message to his players.

“We were giving up layups like crazy,” Scheyer said, adding: “I thought that showed where our heads were at, just giving layups in transition, letting guys get behind us. That’s not how we’ve played.”

Jeremiah Hernandez scored 15 points to lead Southern Indiana, which made 13 of 25 shots to open the game but shot 33% from there.

“If we play everybody the way we played tonight, we’re going to beat some people,” Southern Indiana coach Stan Gouard said.

BIG PICTURE

Southern Indiana: The Screaming Eagles had fallen by double-digit margins in four of five losses coming in. Their lone win had come against Division II Tiffin. But they hung around in this one into the final minutes.

Duke: The Blue Devils have now won four straight games

since falling to now-No. 3 Arizona, including a win against Michigan State in the Champions Classic on Nov. 14.

CONTENTIOUS MOMENT

The game also featured a testy second-half moment between Duke’s Tyrese Proctor and Southern Indiana’s Javius Moore.

Moore hit Proctor around the head and shoulder from behind on Proctor’s cutting dunk with 6:29 left. Both players ended up on the floor before Proctor rose quickly to stand over Moore, then glared his way as the teams separated.

After a video review, officials ruled Moore’s hit was a flagrant-1 foul while also assessing a technical foul to Proctor.

UP NEXT

Southern Indiana opens a three-game homestand Tuesday against East-West University.

Duke visits No. 20 Arkansas on Wednesday in the inaugural ACC/SEC Challenge.

No. 16 Kentucky trounces visiting Marshall

BY GARY B. GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — D.J. Wagner scored a career-high 28 points, Antonio Reeves added 23 and No. 16 Kentucky routed Marshall 118-82 on Friday night for its highest-scoring game under John Calipari.

Four nights after getting past Saint Joseph’s 96-88 in overtime, the Wildcats (6-1) shot 26 of 40 in the first half (65%) on the way to a 69-41 lead at the break, their highest-scoring half this season. They led 90-53 with 13:34 remaining, and it was just a matter of when they’d exceed the 115 points scored against Arizona State on Nov. 28, 2016.

The halftime total alone amazed the Hall of Fame coach.

“Normally, I won’t look up at the score much in the first half, I’m not that worried about it,” Calipari said. “But I saw we have an 18-, 19-point lead at one point, I just glanced up and didn’t know we had 69 until I called that last timeout.

“I said, ‘dude, you got 69 points.’ That’s crazy. And it was based on assists, on shots made. We’re creating great opportunities for a team that can shoot.”

Kentucky tied the mark with 2:44 left on Reed Sheppard’s 3-pointer and broke it with 40 seconds left on another 3 from the left corner by reserve Joey Hart.

Wagner, who had 13 points at halftime, scored seven in the first 2 1/2 min-

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utes of the second half and soon surpassed his previous best of 22 against St. Joe’s. The freshman guard exited with 3:23 left after hitting 10 of 14 shots from the field, including two 3s, and 6 of 7 free throws.

Reeves made 5 of 7 from behind the arc and 8 of 13 overall. Tre Mitchell added 18 points, Rob Dillingham 16 and Sheppard 12 off the bench respectively, and Justin Edwards 10. Kentucky finished 45 of 74 from the field (61%), and nine of 13 players scored.

“That just shows how much any night could be somebody’s night,” Wagner said of six players scoring in double figures. “Coach says all the time, because everybody are such good players, everybody puts so much work in. So, any night could be somebody’s night. And you just never know who it is.”

Obinna Anochili-Killen scored 22 points, Nate Martin added 14 and Jacob Conner 13 for the Thundering Herd (2-4), who shot 42% and dropped their fourth of five games. All have been played away from their Huntington, West Virginia, campus.

“We know coming in we’d have to

score on them,” Herd coach Dan D’Antoni said. “We’re just not at that level yet. I didn’t think we got beat athletically. ... When we ran our stuff, we scored. They didn’t stop us.”

BIG PICTURE

Marshall: The Herd came out firing from long range and managed to stay close in the early minutes. Several cold spells followed along with a failure to slow Kentucky’s transition game and strong shooting, building a deep half-time hole they couldn’t overcome. They finished 9 of 27 from deep.

Kentucky: The Wildcats owned paint scoring 48-28 and shot 16 of 27 from deep. They also had a season-high 27 assists, with eight by Dillingham. The only blemish was being outrebounded 38-37, including 17-10 offensively. On the other hand, the Herd shot a lot out of necessity.

UP NEXT

Kentucky hosts No. 10 Miami (Florida) Tuesday night in the inaugural ACC/SEC Challenge (**TV:** Live on ESPN at 7:30 p.m.).

Panthers fire coach Reich in 1st season with team

BY STEVE REED
SSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Frank Reich era in Carolina is over after only 11 games.

The Carolina Panthers fired their coach on Monday following the team’s NFL-worst 1-10 start in his first year at the helm.

Panthers owner David Pepper announced the move hours after several news outlets reported that he used a profanity as he was leaving the locker room following a 17-10 loss to the Tennessee Titans on Sunday.

Pepper hired Reich to fix one of the league’s worst offenses over the past few seasons and develop Bryce Young, the No. 1 overall pick whom he gave up four draft picks and top wide receiver D.J. Moore to acquire this past offseason in the hopes of winning multiple Super Bowls.

Instead, the Panthers are assured a franchise-record sixth straight losing season.

The Panthers are 30-63 since Pepper bought the team from Jerry Richardson in 2018 for \$2.275 billion and have never made the playoffs.

Special teams coordinator Chris Tabor will take over as interim head coach. Offensive coordinator Thomas Brown will become the team’s play caller, with senior assistant Jim Caldwell serving as his special adviser.

Tabor’s first move as interim coach was to fire quarter-

backs coach Josh McCown and running backs coach Duce Staley, according to a person familiar with the situation. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Monday because the moves have not been announced.

McCown and Staley were handpicked by Reich to be assistants.

When Pepper makes his next head coaching hire after the season, it will be the seventh full-time or interim head coach to serve under him.

Pepper is scheduled to address reporters Tuesday at a news conference at Bank of America Stadium. The Panthers canceled all media access Monday.

Reich is the second NFL head coach to be fired this season, joining Josh McDaniels of the Las Vegas Raiders.

Reich was fired earlier in his tenure than any head coach since Pete McCulley, who went 1-8 with San Francisco in 1978. He is the fifth NFL head coach in the last six years to be fired during or after just one season, joining Nathaniel Hackett (Denver, 2022), Urban Meyer (Jacksonville, 2021), Freddie Kitchens (Cleveland, 2019) and Steve Wilks (Arizona,

2018).

Phone calls and text messages sent to Reich seeking comment were not immediately returned.

Pepper has shown a lack of patience as a team owner. Reich is the Panthers’ third head coach fired during the season under Pepper.

He also owns the Major League Soccer team in Charlotte and has fired two coaches in the organization’s first two years of existence.

On the NFL front, Pepper inherited Ron Rivera as his head coach in 2018 but fired him less than two years later during the season. Perry Fewell finished out the season before Pepper gave Matt Rhule, who previously coached at Baylor, a seven-year, \$63 million contract. But Rhule lasted less than 2 1/2 season before Pepper dismissed him and replaced him with Wilks, the Panthers’ defensive coordinator, on an interim basis.

Pepper then hired Reich, who as offensive coordinator of the Philadelphia Eagles helped them win the Super Bowl before becoming head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, who fired him last season. Wilks is now the defensive coordinator for San

Francisco.

Carolina still ranks near the bottom of the league in nearly every offensive category. The Panthers are 30th in the league in total offense and 30th in passing yards per game and haven’t scored more than 15 points in a game since the bye week.

Reich had signed a four-year contract with the Panthers that runs through the 2026 season. Pepper will be on the hook for an estimated \$9 million per season over the next three seasons.

Reich had experience running good NFL offenses, but that didn’t translate over to the Panthers.

Young has been sacked 40 times this season, and the Panthers’ offensive line has allowed 43 overall over in 11 games, fourth most in the NFL. Young has been under heavy pressure most of the season, making it difficult to evaluate his progress as a quarterback.

But the former Alabama product has failed to progress as a quarterback and ranks near the bottom of the league in most statistical categories. He has yet to throw for 250 yards in a game and has nearly as many interceptions (eight) as touchdown passes (nine).

Because of their record, the Panthers could possibly land the No. 1 pick in next year’s draft, but that immediately would go to the Chicago Bears because of the trade for Young.

Hoosier reach \$15.5M buyout to part with Allen

Football 3-24 in Big Ten with 3 straight losing seasons

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tom Allen spent four seasons steadily taking Indiana up the Big Ten ladder.

Then everything came crashing down in college football's rapidly evolving world.

Three consecutive losing seasons and a three-year conference record of 3-24 cost Allen his dream job on Sunday, when the two sides reached a financial settlement to part ways.

"It has been my greatest professional honor to serve as Indiana's head football coach for the past seven years," Allen said in a statement released by his agent. "Representing this university and this state has meant more to me than you can imagine. Our entire journey here has been based on a simple concept — Love. Each. Other. It's what we've done, it's what we'll always do. I continue to believe it's a recipe to change the world."

Allen had four years remaining on a contract he received in 2021 and was owed \$20.8 million. But the athletic department said Allen agreed to take two payments worth \$7.75 million, all of which will come from donor funds. It's the biggest buyout ever paid by a Big Ten school, surpassing the \$15 million Scott Frost receiver from Nebraska last year.

Allen's successes and failures with Indiana mirrored the way college football has changed.

Before name, image and likeness deals and building programs through the transfer portal became the norm, Allen's teams

posted a 24-25 mark and he coached in three bowl games — all losses, the first coming in his college head coaching debut in 2016.

Allen capped the ascension by going 6-2 during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season. The Hoosiers celebrated the program's highest final ranking, No. 12, in The Associated Press Top 25 since finishing fourth in 1967, and Allen was named the Big Ten and AFCA national coach of the year.

He was rewarded with a big contract, but nothing has gone as planned since then.

Often-injured starting quarterback Michael Penix Jr. reunited with his former offensive coordinator at Washington following the 2020 season, and Indiana had three successive losing seasons.

But going just 9-27 overall and 3-24 in league play were only part of Indiana's problem. Shrinking crowds, intensifying criticism and a desire among some administrators and boosters not to embrace college sports' new era created a disadvantage for the Hoosiers on the recruiting trail.

Allen, meanwhile, continued arguing for acceptance of the new rules.

"College football has changed dramatically over the past several years," Allen said in his statement. "Some of those changes have been a shock to the conscience of those who support IU football. The time has come to fully embrace those changes and I pray that IU does just that."

That will be a concern

for whoever the Hoosiers choose as Allen's successor.

Indiana seemed to be changing directions when it promoted Allen from defensive coordinator to replace Kevin Wilson in December 2016.

An 8-5 mark (5-4 Big Ten) in 2019 resulted in Allen getting a seven-year contract extension. After the 2020 season, Indiana gave Allen a \$1 million pay raise to \$4.9 million and bumped him back to seven years.

Allen's emotional postgame speeches became must-watch video on social media in 2020 and after winning at Wisconsin, several Hoosiers players slapped him on the back or hugged him as he

did a televised interview. One player even shouted that Allen was the best coach in America.

Those perceptions changed dramatically over the last three years, at least in the eyes of the athletic department.

"After continued evaluation of our entire football program, I have determined that we have lost momentum and that a change in leadership is necessary at this time," athletic director Scott Dolson said. "I want to thank Tom for all of the contributions he has made to IU in his seven years leading our program. His passion, character, and class made a positive impact on our student-athletes. We wish

him well in his future endeavors."

Allen grew up in New Castle, Indiana, the son of a high school football coach and started his own coaching career at the prep level in Florida and Indiana. His made college stops at Wabash, Lambuth, Drake, Arkansas State, Mississippi and South Florida before Wilson brought him back to his home state as defensive coordinator.

When accusations of player mistreatment against Wilson surfaced during the 2016 season, Wilson resigned and then-athletic director Fred Glass named Allen the new coach despite being in his first season with the program.

Allen took it from there and showed progress — until Indiana was slow to adapt and the Hoosiers slipped back into the Big Ten basement.

But he showed indications after Saturday's 35-31 loss to rival Purdue he knew what was about to happen.

"I understand you have to win. I want to win as bad as anybody," he said Saturday after a 35-31 loss at rival Purdue.

In Sunday's statement, Allen added: "There have been so many incredible memories made and relationships formed. I'll always be grateful for the players, coaches and staff who believed in our vision and gave their heart and soul for this program."

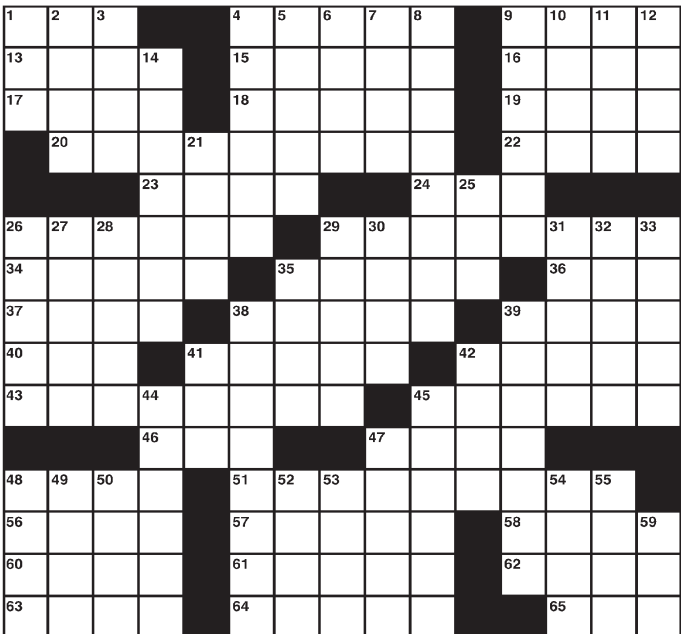
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15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		John Denver's Rocky			This Land Is		BBCN..		
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Masked (N)		Snake Oil (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19	
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Survivor (N)			The Amazing Race (N)		News		
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Sullivan's (N)		Sisters (N)		BigBa..		Sheldon	
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Masked (N)		Snake Oil (N)		WDRB News		WDR..	
A&E	28	36	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Interro..	Interro..	Court..	
AMC	29	26	(5:45) ￼￼￼ Uncle Buck ('89)				￼￼￼ Caddyshack ('80)				￼￼￼ Groundhog Day			
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyS..	
DISC	31	38	Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition (N)		(10) Mystery (N)		Expedi..	
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Bunk'd	
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		Jimmy..		(15) Basketball		(15) Basketball Duke at Arkansas					Sports..
FREE	18	40	(20) ￼￼￼￼ Coco ('17) Anthony Gonzalez.				(50) ￼￼￼￼ Encanto ('21) Stephanie Beatriz.		700Club					
FX	40	28	(5:30) ￼￼￼￼ Ant-Man ('15)				￼￼￼ Ghostbusters: Afterlife ('21)					￼ Men in Black...		
HBO	201	17	(05) Gilded		(05) Love Won		￼￼￼ Immortals ('11)			￼ Transformers: Revenge of the F..				
MAX	270	73	(5:50) ￼￼￼￼ Mud ('13)				￼ Posse: Revenge of Jessi...			(50) ￼ Never Grow Old ('19)				
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo	
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	￼￼￼ The Dark Knight Rises ('12) Christian Bale.							
SHOW	221	16	(5:15) ￼ Starling ...		(15) ￼￼￼ Say Anything... ('89)		￼ When Harry Met Sally...		￼ Romeo & Juliet					
TMC	233	74	(05) ￼ Montana Story ('21)				￼￼￼ Hamlet			Ethan Hawke.		￼ Summer of Sam (P)		
TNT	27	43	Lucifer		NHL o..		NHL Hockey					Post-G..		Movie
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..	

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4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Sheldon	Ghosts	Ghosts..	Ghosts..	SEAL Team (N)		CBS4..		
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Grinch	Shrek	Transplant (N)		Dateline (N)		News		
8 WISH	12		News	Big Ten	ZoneE..	ET (N)	Son of a	Childr..	Whose..		JokeOff	News (N)	News		
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	The Golden Bachelor (N) (SF)			(05) Bachelor		News			
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A&E	28	36	The First 48			The First 48 (N)			Raw (N)		(05) Accused (N)		First48		
AMC	29	26	(4:30) ♣♣♣♣ Bridesmaids			♣♣♣♣ Pitch Perfect ('12)			Anna Kendrick.		♣ Christmas With the C...				
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	(120) The Office		Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyS..		
DISC	31	38	Dirty Jobs			Dirty Jobs			Dirty Jobs		Caught!	Caught!	Contraband		
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Villains		
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)			Women's College Basketball			Basketball Virginia Tech at LSU					Sports..	
FREE	18	40	Movie		♣♣♣♣ The Little Mermaid ('89)			♣♣♣♣ Moana ('16)			Dwayne Johnson.			700Club	
FX	40	28	(5:30) ♣♣♣ Ghostbusters: Afterlife				♣ Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smith...						♣ Night at the ...		
HBO	201	17	♣♣♣ Now You See Me ('13)				♣♣♣ Now You See Me 2 ('16)				(15) Gilded		Love..		
MAX	270	73	(15) ♣♣♣♣ I Love You, Man ('09)				♣♣♣♣ Let Me In ('10)				(55) ♣♣ Sorority Row				
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)			On Balance (N)			Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)	Cuomo	
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	♣♣♣♣ Django Unchained ('12)							Christoph Waltz, Jamie Foxx.	
SHOW	221	16	Movie		♣♣♣ Southpaw ('15)			(35) ♣ Heist 88 ('23)			Travelers			Movie	
TMC	233	74	(5:00) ♣♣♣♣ The Godfather ('72)				♣♣♣♣ The Godfather, Part II ('74)							Al Pacino.	
TNT	27	43	(55) ♣♣ Deck the Halls ('06)				♣♣♣♣ Elf ('03)				Will Ferrell.				♣♣♣♣ Elf ('03)
USA	26	33	Law-SVU			Law-SVU			Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU	Law-S..	

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Early moisture
4 Doesn't include
9 Snout
13 Take __; assume control
15 Camp craft
16 Neighbor of Missouri
17 Mr. Peanut's prop
18 Crowd scene actor
19 Emperor of old
20 Mates for mares
22 Jailer's janglers
23 Dire fate
24 Go quickly
26 Self-centered person
29 Immaculate
34 Archaeology sites
35 __ up; prepares
36 "Nonsense!"
37 Piece of jewelry
38 Mr. Mandel
39 Goose egg
40 Big game
41 Ore seeker
42 More pleasant
43 Abandoned
45 Hot and humid
46 __ Wednesday; 2/14/24
47 Lucille, for one
48 Struck with a bullet
51 Found
56 Leo XIII's title
57 Baton __
58 "The Buckeye State"
60 __-friendly
61 Yam or cassava
62 __ Scotia
63 Refuse to acknowledge
64 Exams before a panel
65 Teacher's favorite
- DOWN**
- 1 MD, for short
2 Gabor & others
3 "Yankee Doodle __ to town..."
4 Wild feline
5 Proverbial saying
6 Two __ four is two
7 Having mixed feelings
8 Oceanfront
9 Bit of change
10 Trickle out
11 Convince
12 Rabbit __; TV antenna
14 First grade subject
21 Bereavement
25 " __ a Heartache"; Bonnie Tyler song
26 Wasn't accurate
27 Deceitful cunning
28 Farmyard cries
29 Used needle & thread
30 Couple
31 Standing straight
32 More resentful
33 Narrative
35 No longer here
38 Up until that time



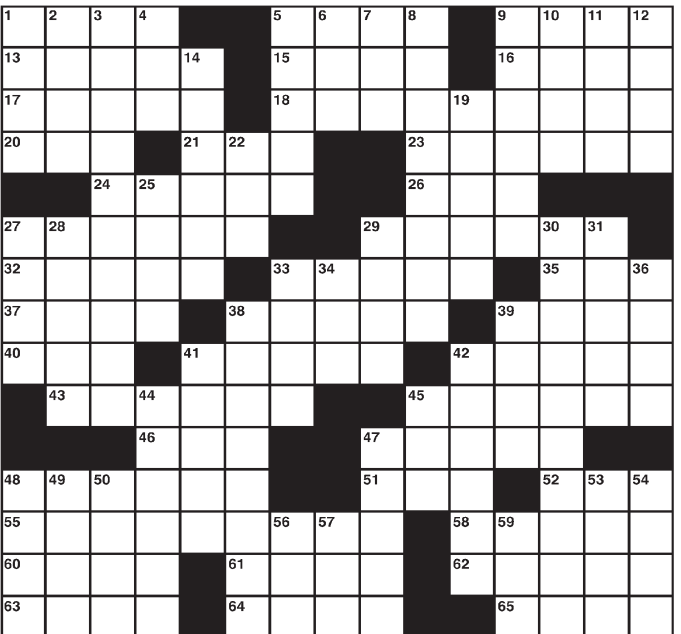
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1 E A R L Y M O I S T U R E	2 G A B O R & O T H E R S
3 Y A N K E E D O O D L E T O T O W N	4 W I L D F E L I N E
5 P R O V E R B I A L S A Y I N G	6 T W O F O U R I S T W O
7 H A V I N G M I X E D F E E L I N G S	8 O C E A N F R O N T
9 B I T O F C H A N G E	10 T R I C K L E O U T
11 C O N V I N C E	12 R A B B I T T V A N T E N N A
13 T A K E A S S U M E C O N T R O L	14 F I R S T G R A D E S U B J E C T
15 C A M P C R A F T	21 B E R E A V E M E N T
16 N E I G H B O R O F M O S S O U R I	25 B O N N I E T Y L E R S O N G
17 M R P E A N U T S P R O P	26 W A S N T A C C U R A T E
18 C R O W D S C E N E A C T O R	27 D E C E I T F U L C U N N I N G
19 E M P E R O R O F O L D	28 F A R M Y A R D C R I E S
20 M A T E S F O R M A R E S	29 U S E D N E E D L E & T H R E A D
22 J A I L E R S J A N G L E R S	30 C O U P L E
23 D I R E F A T E	31 S T A N D I N G S T R A I G H T
24 G O Q U I C K L Y	32 M O R E R E S E N T F U L
26 S E L F C E N T E R E D P E R S O N	33 N A R R A T I V E
29 I M M A C U L A T E	35 N O L O N G E R H E R E
34 A R C H A E O L O G Y S I T E S	38 U P U N T I L T H A T T I M E
35 U P P R E P A R E S	
36 N O N S E N S E	
37 P I E C E O F J E W E L R Y	
38 M R M A N D E L	
39 G O O S E E G G	
40 B I G G A M E	
41 O R E S E E K E R	
42 M O R E P L E A S A N T	
43 A B A N D O N E D	
45 H O T A N D H U M I D	
46 W E D N E S D A Y 2 1 4 2 4	
47 L U C I L L E F O R O N E	
48 S T R U C K W I T H A B U L L E T	
51 F O U N D	
56 L E O X I I I S T I T L E	
57 B A T O N	
58 T H E B U C K E Y E S T A T E	
60 F R I E N D L Y	
61 Y A M O R C A S S A V A	
62 S C O T I A	
63 R E F U S E T O A C K N O W L E D G E	
64 E X A M S B E F O R E A P A N E L	
65 T E A C H E R S F A V O R I T E	

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Ocean liner
5 "Safe!" callers
9 Night __; those up late
13 Wave patterns
15 Tack
16 Stumble
17 Proficient
18 Private investigator
20 Affirmative vote
21 Indignation
23 Very happy
24 Of the moon
26 Fido's foot
27 Frolicsome
29 Word of warning
32 Gets the booby prize
33 Bequest recipients
35 Pixie
37 Consumes
38 Dissolves
39 Adhesive
40 Bordeaux buddy
41 Reaches a high point
42 Boorish
43 Drag; haul
45 Vincent & others
46 Furniture wood
47 Signified
48 Overexert
51 Suffix for differ or insist
52 Everyone
55 Polite
58 WWII journalist Pyle
60 Up in __; outraged
61 Uses a straw
62 Foot warmers
63 Wear a long face
64 Kill, as a dragon
65 Nectar collectors
- DOWN**
- 1 Go nowhere
2 Conceal
3 Starry-eyed
4 Get-up-and-go
5 Beneath
6 Name with Fannie or Ginnie
7 Cherry center
8 Pullman cars
9 Second-largest nation's capital
10 Judge's order
11 " __ and Let Die"; 007 film
12 Raced
14 Smells awful
19 Crab's defense
22 Sunbeam
25 Doesn't let go to waste
27 __ market; swap meet
28 Meanders
29 Particles
30 Unwillingness
31 Stay away from
33 Stack
34 Utah's official state animal
36 Charges
38 Quality of the humble
39 Put on a happy face
41 Hair braid



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1 O C E A N L I N E R	2 C O N C E A L
3 S T A R R Y E Y E D	4 G E T U P A N D G O
5 S A F E C A L L E R S	6 N A M E W I T H F A N N I E O R G I N N I E
7 C H E R R Y C E N T E R	8 P U L L M A N C A R S
9 S E C O N D L A R G E S T N A T I O N S C A P I T A L	10 J U D G E S O R D E R
11 A N D L E T D I E 0 0 7 F I L M	12 R A C E D
13 W A V E P A T T E R N S	14 S M E L L S A W F U L
15 T A C K	19 C R A B S D E F E N S E
16 S T U M B L E	22 S U N B E A M
17 P R O F I C I E N T	25 D O E S N T L E T G O T O W A S T E
18 P R I V A T E I N V E S T I G A T O R	27 M A R K E T S W A P M E E T
20 A F F I R M A T I V E V O T E	28 M E A N D E R S
21 I N D I G N A T I O N	29 P A R T I C L E S
23 V E R Y H A P P Y	30 U N W I L L I N G N E S S
24 O F T H E M O O N	31 S T A Y A W A Y F R O M
26 F I D O S F O O T	33 S T A C K
27 F R O L I C S O M E	34 U T A H S O F F I C I A L S T A T E A N I M A L
29 W O R D O F W A R N I N G	36 C H A R G E S
32 G E T S T H E B O O B Y P R I Z E	38 Q U A L I T Y O F T H E H U M B L E
33 B E Q U E S T R E C I P I E N T S	39 P U T O N A H A P P Y F A C E
35 P I X I E	41 H A I R B R A I D
37 C O N S U M E S	
38 D I S S O L V E S	
39 A D H E S I V E	
40 B O R D E A U X B U D D Y	
41 R E A C H E S A H I G H P O I N T	
42 B O O R I S H	
43 D R A G H A U L	
45 V I N C E N T & O T H E R S	
46 F U R N I T U R E W O O D	
47 S I G N I F I E D	
48 O V E R E X E R T	
51 S U F F I X F O R D I F F E R O R I N S I S T	
52 E V E R Y O N E	
55 P O L I T E	
58 W W I I J O U R N A L I S T P Y L E	
60 U P I N A M A R K E T S W A P M E E T	
61 U S E S A S T R A W	
62 F O O T W A R M E R S	
63 W E A R A L O N G F A C E	
64 K I L L A S A D R A G O N	
65 N E C T A R C O L L E C T O R S	

Grandmother dreads Christmas visit

Dear Amy: My daughter and granddaughter are coming to spend 10 days with us over the Christmas holidays.

I am dreading the visit because my 3-year-old granddaughter is unable to be around others without being the center of attention.,

If adults try to have a conversation she interrupts continuously, and if she has nothing to actually say, she just makes loud noises.

It is beyond irritating.

I try not to interfere with my daughter's parenting, but I'm not sure how to survive 10 days of this, when even brief phone calls with the two of them make me crazy.

Any advice?

— Sad Grandma

Dear Sad: It is extremely common for 3-year-old children to want to dominate their primary parent's attention.

Children learn not to do this through a combination of repeated reminders and distractions: "The adults are speaking to each other. You are interrupting. If you have something to say, you need to wait

your turn."

You can also ask a 3-year-old to do a "job" for you — folding dish cloths or towels on the floor, sorting wooden spoons into different boxes, stacking blocks or putting their favorite toy "to bed" in a shoebox.

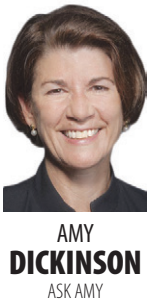
Ten days is a long visit; the holidays are highly charged and exhausting for children and their parents, and you should count on having your daughter's full attention only during your granddaughter's afternoon nap time and after she is asleep at night.

You would not dread this visit so much if you reframed your orientation: This will not be a mother-daughter visit between you and your daughter, but a Christmas visit with your granddaughter.

I hope you will find ways to bond with this little girl that will make this visit memorable for both of you.

Gentle corrections, reminders and activities will help the child.

Relaxing your expectations will help you.



AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Retirees rebound from a major whoopsie

Dear Amy: My husband and I retired to a wonderful Southwestern city.

Our two adult children are married and live in other parts of the country. They each have young children. During the pandemic, my son, daughter-in-law and baby granddaughter in Florida were alone, with no nearby relatives — as were we. After the pandemic, we decided that we should move to Florida to help them out, and in turn, they would be there for us as we aged. We bought a home (over FaceTime!), sold our other home, quit our local clubs and activities and moved.

We quickly realized we had made a mistake and that we didn't like living in Florida. We assumed we would become an integral part of our kids' lives, but their expectations were totally different. We only babysat twice in six months!

After six months, we moved back to the Southwest. We are now working to resume our old lives, but my daughter-in-law no longer calls us or participates in calls to any extent. I know we made a hasty decision that has resulted in hurt and bad feelings. I also know that our expectations were unrealistic. However, I would love to resume a relationship with my daughter-in-law. Our son is very cordial and

generally eager to put our granddaughter on FaceTime with us. I'm reluctant to phone my daughter-in-law directly. I don't want to make matters worse.

Your thoughts?

— Regretful

Dear Regretful: People make mistakes. People make blunders. Yours seems to have been a bit of a doozy, but you obviously have the means to undo this choice.

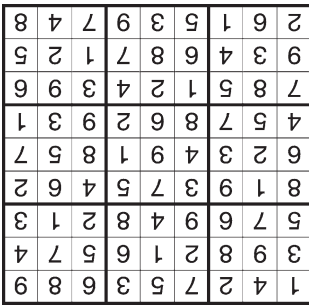
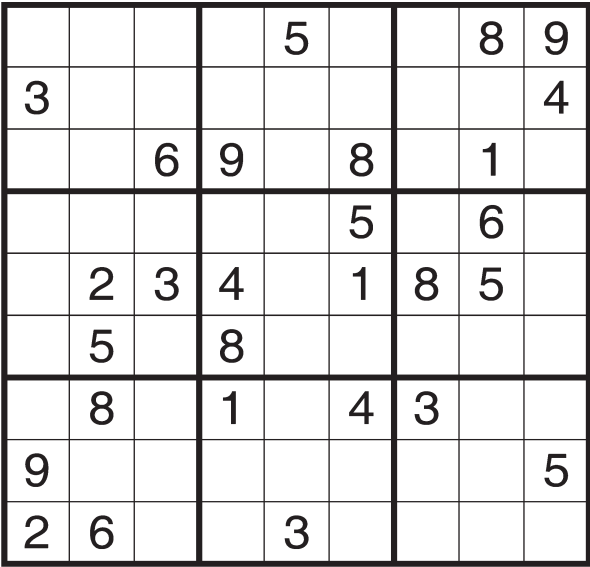
Your about-face also seems to have occurred at warp speed; it was a quick "whoopsie ... we out!" Surely you can imagine how bewildered your son and his wife might be about your recent behavior. Write your daughter-in-law a letter or email. Own your embarrassment and apologize for the impact of your choice.

Say, "We are at a point in our own lives where we are trying our hardest to do what is best for us. I think the experience during the pandemic made us panic, and we were too hasty in our decision to move to Florida. We're unsettled and happy, but I'm embarrassed and upset by the impact our choice has had on you. I know we made a hasty decision that has resulted in hurt feelings. We love you and really want to make this right, so I hope you can forgive us. I really miss our contact with you. I hope you will communicate with us when you feel ready. You can express your feelings or frustration, and we will listen."



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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Someone could make a heartfelt effort to please you or offer some compliments that can uplift your spirits. You might enjoy some friendly gatherings or meetings. Keep an eye on your paperwork or phone calls that need to be managed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Perform a good deed without expecting thanks or recognition. A simple favor could have some hidden drawbacks. Put your wallet under lock and key to avoid unbalancing your carefully curated budget.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You might be feeling skeptical about a loved one's enthusiasm or advice but could respect their opinions. A methodical and cautious approach may work best for you if you find yourself saddled with weighty obligations or duty.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You might enjoy being part of a friendly group where you can show off your intelligent ideas. Apply your social networking skills to your working environment and you could manage to get even more accomplished.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you ask for favors or assistance, you could receive a "yes." Now is not a good time to launch crucial plans. Try not to scratch an itch to start something new that could result in considerable irritation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This may not be the time to voice your criticisms or argue about who gets to run the show. It can be much better to take second place than to try and exercise control. It might be wiser to remain kind and avoid arguments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Your friends could

be there to offer support and assistance with the more grueling tasks on your calendar. Your mistakes might not escape someone's notice so look over things with a critical eye before you declare them complete.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Some social activities might demand your full attention right now. You may not have a choice, but to gracefully agree to participate even if you would prefer to sit on the sidelines instead. Some days do not need to be all work.

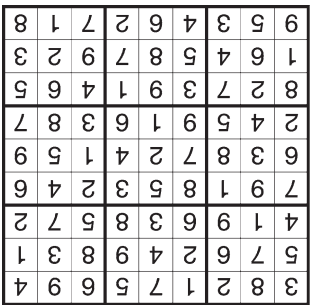
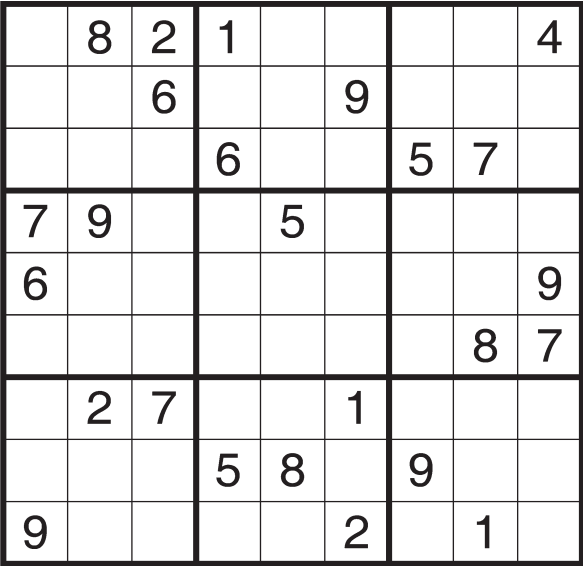
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Wisdom and foresight could help guide you in the right direction. Your enthusiasm may allow you to become a collaborator and actively participate in some group brainstorming sessions. Be sensitive to a partner's problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Some people may think that when the cat is away the mice will play, but there is always a chance you could stumble into a mousetrap. Work on following through on all your projects without relying on supervision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Compromise can help you avoid a misunderstanding over your expenses. A loved one or partner could be feeling more extravagant or generous than usual. You cannot afford to be reckless with your money right now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Be prepared for the worst and you will be glad if things do not end up badly as you first anticipated. You may be challenged to complete assignments on time, or you might end up overwhelmed by extra family responsibilities.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You could sparkle and shine in social settings right now. You may be right in your element when you can entertain someone with an amusing story or enjoy exchanging some news during a long lunch break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Seek an ideal solution by looking at puzzles, problems, or new projects from another perspective and you could find that things are not as impossible as you thought. Someone's opinions may not be those of the management.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You could bounce back quickly from an unpleasant experience, but build up a tough shell to protect yourself in the future. Avoid arguments by taking your partner's needs into account. He or she may want what is best for everyone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you have a project that can benefit from networking and an enthusiastic approach, popularize your cause by spreading the word. It could be an opportunity to show off your creative genius.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may be distracted by daydreams or some delusions of grandeur right now. Do your best to stick to the facts and you can avoid further upsets. If you write down your ideas, you can make the best use of your time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — An inspiring idea that may appear unexpectedly might be worth pursuing. Remain understanding in the face of unreasonable demands to avoid damaging the harmony of your relationship. A troubling situation could simmer quickly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Loved ones may appreciate your willingness to sympathize or listen to their problems with compassion. You can show your devotion by spoiling a loved one with a gift that could anticipate some upcoming needs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Try not to be alarmed if you receive the silent treatment. Sometimes the best expressions of affection may be unspoken. Be prepared to help with a group project or make something skyrocket by working on your contact list.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — If you work closely with others, you could get closer to achieving your goals. Take a difference of opinion into account when necessary. Try not to let a careless remark get under your skin where your career is concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Now may be the time to get your priorities straight. Giving gifts of time and energy straight from the heart is so much meaningful than just throwing money at the first option. Group gatherings might offer you a place to shine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Try not to be dazzled by the sales pitch or advertising. A home cooked meal could be more satisfying than a dozen fast food outings. A partner or loved one might be attracted to luxury items or smother you with praise.

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AP TOP 25

No. 3 Washington, No. 5 Oregon move up

Pac-12 2 in top 5 for 1st time since 2016

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

No. 3 Washington, No. 4 Florida State and No. 5 Oregon all moved up a spot in The Associated Press college football poll Sunday, giving the Pac-12 two top-five teams for the first time since the final ranking of the 2016 season.

Georgia remained No. 1 as the two-time defending national champions have been for 24 straight polls, dating back to the middle of the last season. The Bulldogs received 52 of 62 first-place votes.

Michigan returned to No. 2 following a week at No. 3 and received 10 first-place votes after beating Ohio State 30-24 in Ann Arbor on Saturday.

The Buckeyes slipped from second to No. 6, clearing the way for Wash-

ington to reach its best ranking since finishing the 2000 season at No. 3 and setting up a top-five matchup with Oregon in the Pac-12 championship game on Friday in Las Vegas.

The final Pac-12 championship game in the conference's current form before 10 members leave for other Power Five conferences will be its first matching top-five teams.

The last time there were two Pac-12 teams in the top five of the AP poll was 2016, when Southern California finished No. 3 and Washington No. 4. The last time it happened during the season was Oct. 6, 2013, when Oregon was No. 2 and Stanford was fifth.

No. 7 Texas and No. 8 Alabama held their places Sunday. Missouri moved up one spot to ninth and

Penn State to No. 10.

No. 9 Louisville (10-2) lost to in-state rival Kentucky 38-31 at home and dropped six spots to No. 15 and out of contention for a spot in the playoffs.

POLL POINTS

The same eight teams have been the top eight teams in the country for five straight weeks, with the only loss among those teams during that span being Ohio State's to Michigan.

The last time there was no team turnover in the top eight for that long was 2008 in Weeks 11-15. That year Florida, Oklahoma, Texas, Alabama, USC, Penn State, Utah and Texas Tech held the top eight spots in some order for five weeks.

Among the top eight teams there are only four

losses, one each for Oregon, Ohio State, Texas and Alabama. Of those four losses, three have come to other teams in the top eight: Oregon lost to Washington, Ohio State lost to Michigan and Alabama lost to Texas.

Texas' loss came to No. 12 Oklahoma. Extend it out to the top 12 to include No. 11 Mississippi and the only loss to a currently unranked team among that group is Oklahoma's to Kansas.

IN-N-OUT

North Carolina State and SMU made their AP Top 25 season debuts this week, raising to 44 the total number of teams to be ranked for at least a week this season.

Falling out for the first time this season was Tennessee, which finished its regular season 8-4 with a victory over Vanderbilt after barely hanging on at

No. 25 last week.

Kansas State also dropped out again after losing a high-scoring game in the snow to Iowa State.

CONFERENCE CALL

Five teams from non-Power Five conferences in the AP Top 25 is the most since the final 2021 poll.

- SEC — 5 (Nos. 1, 8, 9, 11, 13).
- Pac-12 — 4 (Nos. 3, 5, 14, 21-tie).
- Big Ten — 4 (Nos. 2, 6, 10, 18).
- ACC — 3 (Nos. 4, 15, 21-tie).
- Big 12 — 3 (Nos. 7, 12, 19).
- American — 2 (Nos. 17, 25).
- Conference USA — 1 (No. 20).
- Sun Belt — 1 (No. 24).
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- Independent — 1

James Madison, Jacksonville State, Minnesota get bowl slots

BY DAVE CAMPBELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Football Bowl Subdivision newcomers James Madison and Jacksonville State along with five-win Minnesota are bound for bowls because of a shortage of eligible teams.

Those three teams round out the 82 available spots because only 79 teams achieved the six wins necessary for bowl eligibility.

James Madison (11-1) and Jacksonville State (8-4) are still transitioning to full FBS status and would not be eligible if there were enough six-win teams.

James Madison, after having two appeals of bowl eligibility rules rejected by the NCAA,

had threatened legal action to be allowed to play in a bowl. The school backed off last week with the hope a bid would come if not enough teams reached the six-win threshold.

The inclusion of James Madison and Jacksonville State still left one opening for Minnesota, which had a 992 Academic Progress Rate score in 2021-22 for the best of the five-win teams. Mississippi State (985) would have been the next 5-7 team in line.

The Gophers finished the regular season 5-7 after losing to rival Wisconsin on Saturday, their third consecutive defeat. NCAA rules allow five-win teams to fill spots, with the order determined by Aca-

ademic Progress Rate (APR) score from the most recent reporting period.

The only FBS teams with better scores than Minnesota either had six wins or more (Northwestern, Wisconsin, Clemson, Alabama, Mississippi and Ohio State) or fewer than five wins (Cincinnati).

"We'll always accept a bowl bid — always," Gophers coach P.J. Fleck said after the game on Saturday. "There's so many beneficial things to a bowl game, with practices, with development. To be honest, we might be our best football team in a month if we get everybody back."

Minnesota also qualified for a bowl in 2015 with a 5-7 record

on the strength of its APR score. The Gophers had to wait this year until the wee hours Sunday to learn their fate, because Colorado State took a 5-6 record into the final game of the day at Hawaii, four time zones behind.

The Rams tied the game on a 70-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-8 and a 2-point conversion with 54 seconds left. But the Rainbow Warriors won 27-24 on a 51-yard field goal as time expired.

Bowl matchups will be announced Dec. 3. Minnesota's most likely destinations, based on Big Ten tie-ins, are the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit on Dec. 26 or the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 23.

D-backs acquire Suárez from Mariners for 2 players

BY DAVID BRANDT
AP BASEBALL WRITER

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks acquired slugger Eugenio Suárez on Wednesday from the Seattle Mariners for reliever Carlos Vargas and catcher Seby Zavala.

The 32-year-old Suárez was a 2018 All-Star for the Cincinnati Reds and has been a consistent power hitter for the past decade, slugging 246 homers since 2012. He fills a need for the D-backs at third base, which was manned mostly by Evan Longoria and Emmanuel Rivera last season.

Suárez also provides another power bat for the reigning NL champions. He hit .232 with 22 homers and 96 RBIs for the Mariners last season, playing third base and designated hitter.

Suárez is due \$11 million for next year as part of deal that includes a \$15 million option for 2025 with a \$2 million buyout.

"It adds a little bit of stability at that spot," Diamondbacks GM Mike Hazen said. "He's a guy we've liked for a long time."

Vargas is a 24-year-old right-hander who made his

big league debut with the Diamondbacks this season, throwing in five games. The 30-year-old Zavala has been a backup catcher for the Chicago White Sox and the Diamondbacks over the past three seasons.

Jerry Dipoto, president of baseball operations for the Mariners, said the club envisions Zavala as the backup to Cal Raleigh entering the season.

"Adding Seby and Carlos is another step toward building the type of deep roster that is required at the major league level," Dipoto said. "Seby is an experienced catcher with

excellent defensive skills who will team with Cal behind the plate. And Carlos is a young reliever with the type of 'big stuff' that our staff has done a wonderful job developing over the years."

Moving on from Suárez will be hard to sell to a fan base full of skepticism about the direction of the club after Seattle missed the playoffs and Dipoto's misstep with some of his postseason comments. From the outside, it appears to be a move to clear salary, erases a key leader from Seattle's clubhouse and leaves a hole at

third base.

But Dipoto said earlier this offseason that Seattle wanted to cut down on its strikeouts at the plate, especially from the right side. It was part of the reason Teoscar Hernández was not made a qualifying offer by the team. While Suárez provided power, he also struck out an American League-high 214 times.

LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
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IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2311-GU-000068
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF MARLEY N. SPEER, Adult.
BRANDY N. SPEER and PATRICIA A. SPEER, Petitioners.
NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CO-GUARDIANS OVER PERSON AND ESTATE OF ALLEGED INCAPACITATED PERSON AND HEARING THEREON
TO: John Hamilton
Whereabouts Unknown
John Hamilton, father of Marley N. Speer, is hereby notified that a Petition for the Appointment of Co-Guardians Over Person and Estate of Alleged Incapacitated Person was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court, Madison, Indiana, 47250, whereby Brandy N. Speer and Patricia A. Speer are requesting that they be appointed Co-Guardians over the person and estate of Marley N. Speer.
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in the Jefferson Circuit Court, 300 East Main Street, Madison, Indiana.
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Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 14th day of November, 2023.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen
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Paris mayor says she's quitting Elon Musk's 'global sewer' platform X as city gears up for Olympics

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — The mayor of future Olympic host city Paris says she is quitting X, accusing Elon Musk 's platform previously known as Twitter of spreading disinformation and hatred and of becoming a "gigantic global sewer" that is toxic for democracy and constructive debate.

"With its thousands of anonymous accounts and its troll farms, life on Twitter is the exact opposite of democratic life," Mayor Anne Hidalgo said

in a long post titled, "Why I am leaving Twitter."

"I refuse to endorse this evil scheme," she wrote.

An Associated Press request for comment emailed to X got an automated reply, "Busy now, please check back later."

Hidalgo's office said posts on Monday in French and English that announced her departure from X would be the Socialist mayor's last and that she will then close her account —

which has 1.5 million followers — at the end of the week. Her office said that Paris City Hall is keeping its own separate account on X.

Hidalgo's withdrawal from X follows a fractious period for the mayor. She has faced criticism from political opponents over the expense and need for a trip she made in October to the French South Pacific territories of New Caledonia and Tahiti. The Olympic surfing competition next July is being held on Tahiti's Teahupo'o wave.



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Popovich has no regrets telling Spurs fans to stop booing Leonard

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Gregg Popovich called Spurs' fans booing of Kawhi Leonard "hateful" and "mean-spirited," and the San Antonio coach has no regrets taking the microphone and imploring the home crowd to knock it off.

"Absolutely not," Popovich said Friday night before the Spurs played the Warriors. "It's pretty easy to understand. I listened to it for a while and it just got louder and louder and uglier and uglier, and I felt sorry for him, and I was embarrassed for our city, for our organization.

"Because that's not who we are, that's not how we've conducted ourselves for the last 25 years. It's the oppo-

site of the way we've conducted ourselves, the way we've worked in the community."

While Popovich considered it a "one-off" with the fans' behavior and credited them for their years of support, he still found it extremely disrespectful to treat former Spurs All-Star Leonard, now with the Clippers, that way in his return to Frost Bank Center.

Late in the first half of Wednesday's 109-102 loss, Popovich took the mic and

told the crowd to stop the booing. San Antonio lost its 10th straight game.

Popovich noted that the amount of hate currently in the world makes the fans' behavior even more disgraceful — not to mention serving to fuel Leonard's play, too.

LEGAL

Plan Commission Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2023, at 5:30 PM
MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of minutes
C. Tabled Applications
1. **PCAF-23-10:** Marilyn Hance — Application to Amend Final Plat so as to split Parcel 39-13-02-212-005.004-007 into two separate parcels, one for each address.
Location: 523 and 525 West St Zoned: Central Business District (CBD)
D. Adjournment
E. Next Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM
For the purpose of hearing those for or against said applications, a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM in City Hall, 101 W. Main St., Madison, IN 47250.
BY ORDER OF THE MADISON CITY PLAN COMMISSION
Joe Patterson, Associate Planner
As per Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, should contact the Madison City Plan Commission at 812-265-8324 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

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